

Last Week: June 14, 2020

Church fund	\$7588.63
Missions	\$898.37
Food boxes	\$700.00
Total	\$9187.00

THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Thursday, June 25 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.

#BLESSED

God is for You!

Elder Team:

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A Committed
Community
Abiding in Christ

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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 sermon series # BLESSED- as we uncover the truth of the Kingdom of God and His unexpected blessings.

Welcome
to all who are joining us for worship today

Message Notes— Kathy Kambic

Series: #BLESSED

Title: Beatitude 3

June 21, 2020

Prelude	Bill Fenstermaker
Welcome	Pastor Amanda
Congregational Humming/Reading	Music Team
Announcements and Offering	Pastor Amanda
Sermon: Beatitude 3 (Matthew 5:1-11)	Kathy Kambic
Sharing Time	Pastor Amanda
Congregational Humming/Reading	Music Team
Benediction	Kathy Kambic

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 or misunderstood in the Church today.

We have already noted a couple of Hebrew and Greek words in the Bible that are translated “bless” or “blessing” in English. However, in the Beatitudes, Jesus used an entirely different Greek word that has been translated “blessed.”

Jesus used the word makarios, which actually means “in a really good place,” or “very fortunate.” The startling idea is that the people Jesus is describing—the poor, those who mourn, those who do not fight back, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, those who are persecuted, etc.—are already “in a really good place!” Quite unexpectedly, these people who would seem disadvantaged in the world’s eyes are actually the “happy” ones, those able to truly experience well-being.

In the Old Testament, the wealthy and healthy and powerful were considered blessed by God. Jesus turns everything upside down. He teaches that the Kingdom of God is spiritual, not material, and those who are Kingdom citizens are often quite unexpected. The poor or poor in spirit are “in a good place.” Those who mourn are “in a good place.” The meek “are in a good place.” By emphasizing contrasts, the Sermon on the Plain in Luke 6 drives home Jesus’ points as he warns, “Woe to you who are rich, . . . full, . . . laughing, . . . or admired.”

What does this mean for the blessings we are to speak to others? We are not to bless others with wealth or worldly success. Instead, we are to bless them with spiritual riches—understanding, consolation, inner strength, knowledge of God’s presence, and His love.

One of the blessings God desires us at Gingrichs to receive is hope in our inheritance as the King’s children. Thanks to Bob Horlacher for speaking over us this week the following blessing from Ephesians 1:18-20a: *May your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. May you understand the incredible greatness of God’s power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead.*

Announcements

Reopening Plan: As we continue to 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.

New Library Books

Maggi and Ruth have been adding new books to the library. Several book series were incomplete so missing volumes were donated or purchased and now the sets are complete and ready to read! Seven novellas have also been added. A list of book series that are now complete is on the counter in the Library. For additional information, contact Maggi Freed or Ruth Runion-Slear, Librarians

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