

**Last Week: June 21, 2020**

Church fund	\$1129.57
Missions	\$133.43
Food boxes	\$47.00 (non- member donation)
Total	\$1263.00

**THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES**

Thursday, July 2      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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Lead Pastor hours: Mon-Thurs, call for appointment  
Church Office hours: Wed & Fri 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
June Trustee on-call **Reid Hoover:** 717-507-0162 or 717-867-2648

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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— Pastor Amanda**

Series: #BLESSED

Title: Beatitude 4

**June 28, 2020**

Prelude	Bill Fenstermaker
Welcome	Tom Turley
Congregational Humming/Reading	Music Team
Announcements and Offering	Dean Hoover
Sermon: Beatitude 4 (Matthew 5:1-11)	Pastor Amanda
Sharing Time	Dean Hoover
Congregational Humming/Reading	Music Team
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 or misunderstood in the Church today.

Our words have a powerful effect on others. As Proverbs 12:18 states, “There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” Our tongues were made to speak blessings, to be instruments of healing and wholeness, channels of life, comfort, encouragement, and peace.

Spoken blessings are positive scriptural proclamations that invoke God’s blessings on others. Though our tongue speaks the words, the power in these spoken blessings comes from God, who is Himself the source of “all spiritual blessings” through Christ (Eph 1:3).

As we speak scriptural blessings to others, we are interceding or “standing in the gap” for them. As with intercessory prayer, we are desiring and directing God’s good gifts to others as we state truths and hopes from Scripture.

This week, God wants us at Gingrichs to receive and speak His overflowing love, wisdom, discernment and righteousness. Thanks to Elaine Freed for declaring over us the following blessing from Philippians 1:9-11:

*May your love abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.*

## Announcements

**Elder Team Nominees:** Elder team nomination forms are due today.

**Reopening Plan:** 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.
- Our worship team will be singing during our services but we are still encouraging the congregation to hum or read the words.

**Elder Team Update:** Each week the Elder Team is assessing how our Sunday services are going and if there is anything we can do to improve them. We continue to welcome your feedback in this process. We anticipate that some may be asking when will we move to phase two—inside services. As we continue to monitor our county’s regulations and the safety of the people in our church we are sensing that the safest venue for our gatherings continues to be outside. However, there may be times when the weather hinders this (rain or heat). So we have decided that when Lebanon county goes green and weather prohibits us from being outside we will move our Sunday service inside for that particular Sunday. There are several reasons for these decisions, but two of them have been motivating factors. Many have commented on how the outdoor setting of our church service provides a less intimidating environment to invite new guests. Also, being outdoors lowers the risk of transmission of COVID 19 significantly. If you have questions or concerns please feel free to reach out to any member of the Elder Team.

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