

# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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**Welcome** to worship! We are glad you are here! This Sunday we begin a worship series on stories of migration in the Bible. Today we begin with the journey of Naomi and Ruth. May we enter this story with a curious spirit, open to what God would reveal to us.

**Gathering Music**

Renae Peters

**Welcome**

Ben Schrag

**Opportunities for Celebration and Service**

(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers.)

**Call to Worship** (HWB 683)

Leader: Praise the One who hears the cry of the poor,

**People: who lifts up the weak and gives them strength.**

Leader: Praise the One who feeds the hungry

**People: and satisfies the longing of those in need.**

Leader: Praise the One who holds with tenderness the orphan and widow

**People: and gives the stranger a land and a home.**

**Invocation**

**Instrumental Call to Worship**

Mary Schmidt

*All Saints Triumphant, Raise the Song* ~arr. Blake

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

HWB 37

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 146

Alyssa Burkholder & Liz Schmucker

**Hymn of Prayer**

*Why Should I Feel Discouraged*

Hymnal Insert

**Morning Prayer**

Pastor Caleb Yoder

**Worship with our Tithes and Offerings**

First Fruits Giving

**Offertory** *Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal* ~Martin

Mary Schmidt

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Caleb

**Worship Music**

Madysen Greenwood

*In Christ Alone* ~Gerry and Townsend

**Children's Story**

(for children through grade 3)

Jeanette Roberts

**Scripture Reading**

Ruth 1:1-22

Julianna Schrag

**Message**

"Where ever you go"

Pastor Linda Ewert

**\*Hymn of Response**

*God, Whose Giving*

HWB 383

**\*Benediction**

Pastor Linda

**\*Postlude**

*Postlude in G Minor ~Smith*

Mary Schmidt

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

## **TODAY**

**We extend a warm welcome to Madyson Greenwood**, special friend of Larry Voth, who is providing worship music this morning. Madyson is a senior at Chapman High School where she is involved in choir, drama, and debate.

**A Supervised Nursery** is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are Chrystiana Miller and Laura Unrau.

**Song Leader:** Renae Peters

**Visual Arts:** LaNae Unruh

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND**

- ❖ For rain for the dry ground
- ❖ For those on the road to recovery from physical injury
- ❖ For healthy balance amid many obligations and pressures in daily life
- ❖ For volunteers to serve in all of the projects, for good weather, and for relationships to be blessed through Community Service Day
- ❖ For immigrant congregations, including our sister church, with uncertainty around our country's immigration policy

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

### **Monday, September 11**

9:00 am Staff Meeting

1:30 pm Prayer Team

5:45 pm Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm Church Council

### **Wednesday, September 13**

6:00 pm Kitchen Cleaning - Daughters of Grace Exec

7:00 pm Board of Worship

### **Thursday, September 14**

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

7:00 pm Bethesda Program - Friends and Followers Class

### **Friday, September 15**

9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

### **Sunday, September 17**

9:30 am Sunday School

Adult SS Radical Hospitality - "Root Causes, NAFTA, Myths and Facts"  
All are welcome!

10:30 am Worship

Message: Pastor Caleb Yoder

Nursery: Amy, Emily & Jenna Flaming

Noon: 80 and Over Lunch with Pastors and Deacons

## **COMING EVENTS**

**Sept 20** Midweek Staff Training

**Sept 24** Community Service Day with noon meal

**Sept 27** Midweek Family Open House

<b>Oct 1</b>	Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk
<b>Oct 3</b>	Alexanderwohl's day to serve at MCC Center, N Newton
<b>Oct 4</b>	Midweek Begins
<b>Oct 22</b>	Mentor/Mentee Event

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

All older adults are invited to **Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, September 15, at 9:00 a.m.** in the fellowship hall. Mary Schmidt and Pat Schmidt will be sharing with us about their service experience as volunteers at Menno-Hof in Shipshewana, Indiana. Invite your friends and come join us! Sign up in one of the lobbies or call the church office by Monday, September 11.

**The deacons and pastors invite all older adults, 80 years of age and older, to a noon lunch in the fellowship hall on Sunday, September 17.** Please call the church office if you plan to attend. If transportation is needed, let the office know. The deacons and pastors look forward to being with you for a good time of food and fellowship together. Come join us!

**Community Service Day** - You have two Sunday's left to sign up for a project in the back of the sanctuary! There are still a few projects that could use a leader. If you're willing, we can chat with you about what that may involve. Thanks!! --Kent Peters (chair), Mary Schmidt, Ryan Goertzen-Regier, Janice (Delton) Voth, David Esau, Myron Schmidt, Pastor Linda.

**We are doing something new this year---it's Midweek Family Open House on September 27, 5:45-7:45 at the church.** It is a time to eat a meal together with church and community friends, for children to play on inflatables outside, jr. high and high school youth to connect with leaders, and short parent meetings for children and youth. Come to hear what will be happening at midweek this year for your child or youth. Guidelines and expectations will be shared to insure that everyone has a safe and positive experience. It's going to be a fun, informative evening! There is no Adult Bible Study or Chancel Choir or Bell Choir that night. More information coming. Questions? Talk to Susan Nafziger, Amy Flaming, or one of the pastors.

**Children's Midweek (ages 3-grade 5) registration forms went out in church mailboxes last week and are due back by Sunday, September 17.** Please turn them into the midweek church mailbox in either lobby or the basket in the Sunday School office. Feel free to invite a friend to join you this year! Midweek kicks off on Wednesday, October 4!!

**We have several Children's Midweek classroom opportunities to fill this year. We are looking for:**

- 1 classroom helper for the Kindergarten-1st grade group—schedule commitment is weekly.
- 1 individual to be part of our Rec Team, who would help to plan recreational activities for grades 2-5—schedule is flexible—5-6 times a year.

If you are interested in one of these positions, are willing to share duties with another, be a substitute, or have questions about the positions, please contact Susan Nafziger, Aileen Esau or Ann Hiebert.

**Children's Midweek Staff Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, September 20** at 7 pm in the Foundation Room. Child care will be provided by reservation. Please RSVP by Sunday, Sept. 17 to Susan Nafziger.

**The 5<sup>th</sup> annual 2 and 6 mile Goessel Area Harvest Giving Walk will be Sunday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m.** leaving from Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church. Mark your calendars and see your recruiter, Kent Peters, to sign up to participate. Donations will once again go to support MCC and the local Tabor Church Food Pantry. Please make checks payable to Harvest Giving Walk.

**The Garden Sharing Table** is located in the south lobby.

**We are missing the round stepping stool from the library.** If you see it, please return it to the church library. Thank you so much!

## *Our Purpose Statement for 2017*

This year we will...

- ❖ Be rooted in Jesus' way
- ❖ Renew relationships with each other
- ❖ Listen with respect to one another
- ❖ Relate to our community in loving ways
- ❖ Reclaim our *Gospel* hope over fear

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### **Last Sunday, September 3**

Attendance:	Sunday School	161
	Worship	202
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$78.66
	First Fruits Giving	\$6,719.16

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Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.  
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If you would like a visit or a phone call from one of the pastors or deacons, please feel free to contact us.