
Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to our worship this morning! The seed of faith needs fertile soil to grow. God works through camp and through many other spaces to provide all that seeds of faith need to grow. May each of us open our hearts for God's Word to take root, and work together to foster a healthy ecosystem for discipleship.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music

Worship Team

Welcome

Pastor Linda Ewert

Opportunities for Celebration and Service

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

Call to Worship

Invocation

Instrumental Call to Worship

Marcia Brubaker

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ~Behnke

***Hymns of Praise**

To God be the Glory

HWB 102

This Little Light of Mine

HWB 401

Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Megan Duerksen

Worship Music

Love the Lord Your God ~Patricia Shelly

Chancel Choir

Morning Prayer

Pastor Caleb Yoder

Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings

First Fruits Giving

Offertory

For God So Loved Us ~Behnke

Marcia Brubaker

***Prayer of Dedication**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Gayle Voth

***Songs of Worship from Camp**

Worship Team

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:1-9

Message

"Some Seeds Fell on the Sandy Soil"

Michael Unruh

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

***Song of Response**

Zephaniah 3:17

SWJ 28

***Benediction**

Pastor Caleb

*All who are able are invited to stand.

HWB - *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue)

SWJ - *Sing With Joy* (Red)

TODAY

We welcome Michael Unruh to our service this morning! Michael is the Executive Director at Camp Mennoscah, where he has served since September 2016. Michael grew up at Tabor Mennonite Church and is working toward his master of divinity degree at AMBS through their distance learning program. He and his wife, Lina, live in Wichita with their 1-year-old puppy, Phog.

A Supervised Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are Maggie, Emma, & Mallory Schroeder.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: Marj Shoemaker

The quilt this Sunday is another Trip Around the World. Think about how it might symbolize aspects of evangelism for you. For example, every Trip Around the World quilt has one center piece, around which all other pieces are added. Could it remind you that Jesus must be at the center of all efforts of evangelism? What could the expanding number of other pieces symbolize?

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ For rain to replenish the dry ground
- ❖ For Lloyd Voth as he continues recovery from surgery. Pray for God to minimize his discomfort. Lloyd and Marlene are thankful for Lloyd's progress.
- ❖ For Dennis Schroeder as he recovers from surgery, that God would lessen discomfort and quicken his healing process.
- ❖ For those who are ill, seeking medical treatment, or experiencing a decline in health
- ❖ For Lucas Hiebert as he works with the MCC meat canner in Pennsylvania

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, February 12

9:00 am Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Daughters of Grace Exec - Conference Room

Wednesday, February 14

5:45 pm Fellowship Meal Served

Menu: Ham, scalloped potatoes, green beans, roll, and Valentine dessert

6:45 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Midweek Activities

7:00 pm Board of Trustees

Thursday, February 15

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

Friday, February 16

9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, February 18 - First Sunday of Lent

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Message: Pastor Caleb Yoder

Nursery: Aileen Esau and Maddie Meier

5:00 pm JH Pizza and Game Night in the Fellowship Hall

COMING EVENTS

Feb 21 Goessel Blood Drive - See announcement sheet for details

Feb 25 Youth Sunday

Mar 4 Camp WaShunGa Community Fundraiser Meal

Mar 11 Daylight Saving Time Begins

Mar 11 Noon Teacher Appreciation Meal

Mar 17 AMC Pancake/Sausage Meal

Mar 25 Palm Sunday

Mar 29 Maundy Thursday Service

Apr 1 Easter Sunday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ash Wednesday is this week, February 14. We will have a service in the sanctuary at 6:45-7:15 p.m. Everyone is welcome, whether you normally participate in midweek or not. All children, 2nd grade on up, youth and adults are encouraged to join us for this service. Children will worship with their families. The service will include an opportunity to receive ashes on the forehead or hand. There will be childcare for infants to two years. Three year olds through 1st grade will participate in their own special Lenten activities in the Foundation Room during this time. Regular midweek activities will resume at 7:15 and follow the normal schedule for the rest of the evening.

All older adults are invited to Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, February 16, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be Mark Rogers, Director of Circles Marion County. He will tell us what this is and what it is doing to help families in Marion County. Come join us for food, fellowship, and learning all rolled up in a great package deal! Sign up in one of the lobbies by Monday, February 11.

Attention All Junior Highers! We'll have a pizza and game night on February 18 from 5:00-7:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Pizza and games will be provided. 6th graders please bring a salty snack, 7th graders bring a sweet snack, and 8th graders a 2-liter to share! Contact Patrick & Amy or Garrett & Brittany with questions.

Milferd L. Schmidt is turning 90 on February 19, 2018. Please come and help him celebrate on **Sunday, February 18**, at the Goessel Community Building from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Please no gifts -- your presence is enough. Cards and well wishes may be sent to 2816 Eisenhower Rd., Canton, KS 67428.

Scheduling Use of the Church Van -- If you want to use the church van it should be scheduled through the church office. That is also where you will pick up keys.

Attention Young Adults! There will be an Area Wide PC-PF (Post College-Pre Family) Pizza and Bowling Night on **Saturday, February 24**. Meet at the Newton Pizza Hut at 6:00 PM for supper and then bowling afterward at Play-Mor Lanes. Please bring money for supper and bowling. This group is designed for young adults in similar life stages to socialize together. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Unruh, kristin.unruh@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Believe it or not, Camp WaShunGa is only four months away!

Brochures with registration forms were sent out to all junior high parents. If you know of a junior higher in the community, encourage them to sign up! Scholarships are available. Our annual fundraiser will be March 5. If you need an extra brochure, have questions or want to support this ministry feel free to contact Michelle Unruh, myself or one of the local churches. -Laura Unrau

Remembering 50 Years of the Relief Sale in Kansas

This week we remember the 1980 sale. Check the **Announcement Sheet** for details.

Last Sunday, February 4

Attendance:	Sunday School	160
	Worship	213
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$73.81
	First Fruits Giving	\$4,323.50

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.