

Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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Welcome!

We are so glad you are here! Let us join with one another in worship as we focus on a Psalm of praise to God this morning. Considering all that God has done and continues to do for us, what could be more natural than responding with heartfelt praise!

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Music		Jared Janzen
Welcome		Patrick Flaming
Opportunities for Celebration and Service		
	(Please sign, pass, and return the friendship registers.)	
Call to Worship	<i>A Modern Psalm: A Call to Praise</i>	Patrick & Emily
	<i>(Let All Within Us Praise! Patricia J. Shelly)</i>	
Choral Hymn of Praise		Chancel Choir
	<i>I Sing the Mighty Power of God ~arr. Mark Patterson</i>	
Invocation		
Instrumental Call to Worship		Marcia Brubaker
	<i>Rejoice, for Christ is King! ~Weber</i>	
*Hymns of Praise	<i>O Come, Loud Anthems Let Us Sing</i>	HWB 68
	<i>Let the Whole Creation Cry</i>	HWB 51
Morning Prayer		Pastor Caleb Yoder
Worship Music	<i>Come Flood this Heart of Mine ~David Lantz III</i>	Chancel Choir
	Mary Schmidt, violin	
Worship With Our Tithes and Offerings		First Fruits Giving
Offertory	<i>In the Garden ~Wood</i>	Marcia Brubaker
*Song of Dedication	<i>God, Whose Giving (vs. 1)</i>	HWB 383

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story	(for children through grade 3)	Rosi Reimer
Scripture Reading	Psalm 145	Justine Unruh
Message	"God is great and God is good"	Pastor Linda Ewert

SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

*Song of Response	<i>Praise God From Whom</i>	HWB 118
*Benediction		Pastor Linda
*Postlude	<i>Lift High the Cross ~Manz</i>	Marcia Brubaker

*All who are able are invited to stand.

HWB - *Hymnal A Worship Book* (Blue)

SWJ - *Sing With Joy* (Red)

TODAY

A Supervised Nursery is available for children ages 3 and under during worship. Attendants are Cindy Erb and Beth Yoder.

Song Leader and Chancel Choir Director: Renae Peters

Visual Arts: LaNae Unruh

5:00 pm Faith Ex

7:00 pm KMMC Concert, Bethel College, N Newton

PRAYING FOR OUR CONGREGATION AND BEYOND

- ❖ For the Schmidt family grieving another loss. Orville Schmidt passed away Monday in a car accident. Orville is a brother-in-law to Darlene Schmidt, and the brother of Arlo Schmidt, who passed away March 27.
- ❖ For Shirley Banman and family members grieving Will Banman's death. Will passed away Monday morning because of a rare brain disease, and his memorial service was held yesterday here at the church.
- ❖ Continued prayers for Dennis and Lavina Schroeder as Dennis makes show but sure strides toward recovery. Dennis is staying at the Progressive Recovery Academy at Schowalter Villa.
- ❖ For both rain and fair weather for cropland, and for farmers in their daily work and decision making.
- ❖ Praise for the generosity and the volunteer time of many people coming together to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee in responding to needs in our world with the compassion of Christ.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, April 16

9:00 am Staff Meeting

3:00 pm Stay Strong Stay Healthy Class

5:45 pm Board of Mission and Service

7:00 pm Church Council

Thursday, April 19

Bulletin items and announcements due at noon in church office

3:00 pm Stay Strong Stay Healthy Class

Friday, April 20

9:00 am Senior Coffee and Conversation

Sunday, April 22 - Mennonite Education Sunday

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship

Message: Dr. Jon Gering, Bethel College

Nursery: Kent and Amy Sterk

Noon: Mennonite College Student Fundraiser Meal

3:00 pm Faith Ex

COMING EVENTS

Apr 25 Daughters of Grace Spring Salad Supper

May 6 Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 6 Guess Who's Coming to Dessert?

May 16-18 Serve at New Hope Shelter, Newton

May 23 VBS Meeting and Work Night
June 4-8 Vacation Bible School
June 10 VBS Program and Children's Day

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RSVP's due today for The Daughters of Grace Salad Supper. Join us as we celebrate God's creativity, enjoy an array of salads and delightful fellowship. Please sign up in either lobby by today, April 15. Please bring a salad to share and we'll see you on April 25th at 6:30!

All older adults are invited to Senior Coffee and Conversation on Friday, April 20, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest will be Heidi Huber, who works at the MCC office in Newton. Friends are welcome! Sign up in either lobby by Monday, April 16.

Lunch is served for you next Sunday noon, April 22, in the fellowship hall! The Mennonite College Student Ministry Team will prepare and serve your meal here as a fundraiser for our college students attending Mennonite colleges. Please join us for a delicious BBQ meal and contribute to the support of our college students for the 2018-2019 school year.

Bethel College's 15th President, Dr. Jon Gering, will be joining us at Alexanderwohl next Sunday, April 22. Jon will be introducing himself and talking about Bethel College during the Sunday school hour in the Foundation Room, all are welcome, and then will be providing the morning's message in the worship service. Bethel College's men's accapella group, Open Road, will be providing music during the worship service.

Capital Campaign Update -- Thank you to those who have responded to the capital campaign. With bequest funds on hand and new gifts and pledges, we have \$262,806 towards our goal of \$375,000. We look forward to your continued responses. We hope to wrap up the fund drive responses by the end of April. Please contact Dwight M. Flaming if you have any questions or need another pledge card. Thank you!

Guess Who's Coming to Dessert – Last tried in this congregation in 2013, we are bringing back this event for the evening of May 6 at 6:30. You will be able to sign up April 22 & 29. Put it on your calendars for an evening of dessert and fellowship. You won't know who else is showing up to join you, but that's part of the fun! – Board of Mission & Service

VBS registration is underway for children ages 4-6th grade! Information was sent out April 6 via email. If you are interested in registering your child(ren) for VBS, you can simply go to our church website: alexanderwohl.org and click the "Register for VBS" button. Paper copies are also available at the church or at the elementary school. Those can be returned to the church or to the school. Please register now so we can get an accurate count as soon as possible. We are looking forward to another fun week June 4-8! Contact Amy Flaming or Megan Duerksen with questions.

Videos of recent sermons are now on the church website. You can find them at alexanderwohl.org, clicking the link for "sermons" at the top right.

Psalm-writing -- As we explore the psalms over the next weeks, consider writing your own psalm! You probably haven't done this before. Here are suggestions to guide you:

1. Think of it as simply a written prayer. How would you express your praise and worship or sorrow.
2. Instead of straightforward description of your experience, what word-images name how you feel? Some examples: "I drench my couch with my weeping" (Ps 6:6); "My tears have been my food" (Ps 42:2); "My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast" (Ps. 63:5)
3. It doesn't have to be your own words. Consider weaving together verses of different psalms that speak to you. This is essentially what Jonah's prayer is (Jonah 2).
4. What hope keeps you going, or what gives you greatest joy?

We will invite some sharing of our own psalms in worship on April 29 or May 6 or have a display on the bulletin board. Talk to one of the pastors if you would like to share your words in some way.

Our Purpose Statement for 2018

This year we will...

- ❖ Be present with one another across ages
- ❖ Be present in our community, sharing life with neighbors
- ❖ Be in prayer for our community and our church
- ❖ Be authentic in worship and witness

Last Sunday, April 8

Attendance:	Sunday School	155
	Worship	187
Offerings:	Sunday School	\$56.60
	First Fruits Giving	\$9,121.57

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.