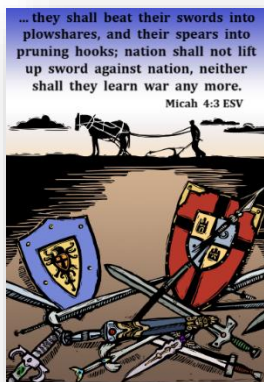


# Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church

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## Welcome to Alexanderwohl!

Our prophet of the day is Micah. The book of Micah has long been a favorite of pacifist Anabaptists and Mennonites for its quotable words, "They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks (4:3)." For many, this may mean being "the quiet in the land." How does this square with Micah's words in 6:8 to "...do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God?"

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP

<b>Gathering Music</b>		Mary Schmidt
	<i>Brethren, We Have Met to Worship</i> ~ arr. Parks	
	<i>Jesus Shall Reign!</i> ~Wagner	
	<i>Blow Up The Trumpet in the New Moon!</i> (Psalm 81:4) ~Martin	
<b>Welcome</b>		Kyle Unruh
<b>Opportunities for Celebration and Service</b>		
<b>Call to Worship and Opening Prayer +</b>		VT 863
<b>*Gathering Hymns</b>	<i>Let's Walk Together</i>	VT 6
	<i>We Dream of a Turning</i>	VT 209
<b>Children's Story</b>		Rosi Reimer
<b>Worship Music</b>	<i>Where the Light Begins</i> ~LaBarr text by Jan Richardson	Women's Ensemble
<b>Morning Prayer</b>		Pastor Chris Weaver
<b>Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings</b>		First Fruits Giving
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Simple Gifts</i> ~ arr. Spong	Mary Schmidt
<b>*Prayer of Dedication</b>		

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Micah 2:1-5; 4:1-4; 6:6-8	Justine Unruh
<b>Sermon</b>	<i>Micah: Prophet of Peace</i>	Pastor Chris

## SENT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

\***Sending Song** *Light Dawns on a Weary World* VT 205

\***Benediction** Pastor Chris

\***Postlude** *We Dream of a Turning* ~arr. Harsha Mary Schmidt

\*All who are able are invited to stand.

+ The peace lamp serves as a visual reminder for us that we follow Jesus the Prince of Peace and believe that God's shalom will prevail.

**Greeters:** North – Denise Duerksen

South – Garrett and Brittany Hiebert

**Organ / Piano:** Mary Schmidt

**Song Leader:** Kyle Unruh

**Women's Ensemble:** Aida Hartvickson, Robyn Hartvickson, Julianna Kaufman, Chrystiana Miller, Celia Peters, Myra Peters, Renae Peters, Jill Siebert, Laura Unrau, Karen Unruh, Jason Peters (piano)

**Visual Arts:** Tina Schrag

**Nursery Staff:** Brittany Hiebert and Delaney Duerksen

(nursery care available for children age 3 and under)

**Worship Technology:** Steve Unruh, Colby Nafziger, Delton Voth

**June 14 Attendance:** Sunday School – 107; Worship -- 134 in person;  
12 Zoom Households

**June 14 Offering:** Sunday School -- \$72.90; First Fruits -- \$13,241.22

**Next Sunday** – will be the last of our series on the prophets. We'll conclude the series by focusing back around onto the ultimate prophet, Jesus! He is the Prophet and Messiah that all the other prophets have been pointing toward all along. Eric Schrag will bring us the message.

Greeters are Karl & Marcia Brubaker and Braden Unruh & Jill Siebert.

### *Praying for Our Congregation and Beyond*

- ❖ We remember Pastor Lois and Tom as they travel and spend time with daughter Hillary and son-in-law Micah in Quito, Ecuador this week.
- ❖ We pray your Spirit's comforting presence to the families of June Hiebert and Brenda Franzen in the recent loss of their loved ones.
- ❖ We lift up Ruben Klassen to you, O God, as readjusts to being back at Kidron-Bethel after a brief stay at the Newton Medical Center. Give peace and comfort to Ruben and his family (Analene and their children, Sherie, Dwight, Eric and Dale) as he receives hospice care.
- ❖ We lament the persistent injustices all around us that make it so difficult for many to thrive.
- ❖ We give thanks for the fathers and father figures in our lives, and for all those who nurture us. Thank you for the ways they exemplify your unfailing Love, Lord.

## THIS WEEK

### Sunday, June 21

9:30 am – Sunday School (all children through HS meet in the Shelter House), **Grace Parker Sutter** sharing with the Foundation Fellowship class (and guests) about the faith formation initiative, Kids Meet Christ. Welcome, Grace!

10:30 am – Worship

### Tuesday, June 23

9:30 am – Staff Meeting

5:30 pm – Board of Deacons

### Saturday, June 27

11:00 am – Youth depart on Service Trip to Spencer, IA

2:00–4:00 pm – Arlin and Maretta Buller's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House, Fellowship Hall

### Sunday, June 28

9:30 am – Sunday School (all children through HS meet in the Shelter House)

10:30 am – Worship

## COMING EVENTS

June 21-29 Pastor Lois out of the office

June 26-27 MCC Mini Blitz at the MCC Center in North Newton

June 27-July 3 Youth Summer Service Project with MDS in Spencer, IA (Pastor Chris and Sponsor Tina Schrag, attending)

July 5 Peace Reflection Sunday

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Arlin and Maretta Buller's 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary is July 24.** Their family is hosting an Open House in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 27, to celebrate. You are welcome to drop by from 2:00-4:00pm to wish them well.

**The Garden Sharing Table is available in the south lobby.** Gardeners are welcome to bring extra produce to share throughout the summer and all are invited to stop by each week!

**WDC Annual Assembly – Registration is now open!** Please register at <https://mennowdc.org/2026-assembly-registration/> It is up to registrants to make their own lodging arrangements. The reservation deadline for WDC'S block of rooms is July 24, so move fast to make your reservation! Join us at Iglesia Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX, August 7-9.

**MCSMT:** Thank you for your recent generous donations during our spring fund drive for the Mennonite College Student Scholarship Fund. So far, the donations total \$3350! We are grateful to offer a scholarship for students attending a Mennonite College for the 2026-2027 school year. Please fill out an application at the following link: <https://forms.gle/ijE8FiWBvoeGEaWB8> if

you plan to attend such an institution this coming fall and meet the established criteria. Printable copies of the form are also available at our church's website: <https://alexanderwohl.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/MCSMT-Scholarship-Application-2026-2027-1.pdf>.

Application deadline is July 1st.

Mennonite College Student Ministry Team: Rosi Reimer, Judy Goertzen, Megan Duerksen

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN** for the annual Mennonite Women in Mission Womens & Girls (ages 8 - high school) Retreat at Camp Mennoscah on September 12-13. Forms are available on the website for printing for mail-in registration, although online is preferred and easy! Detailed schedule information and registration is at [www.mennonitewomeninmission.org](http://www.mennonitewomeninmission.org).

**Sunday, July 5:** The Peace Committee invites everyone to a Peace Reflection Sunday on July 5. Come to worship at 9:30. That will include corporate worship, scripture, personal stories, prayers and singing. Following this opening, we will engage in intergenerational activities that will help us think about peace -- what is it, how do we create it, how do we follow Jesus in living it out? There will be opportunities for families and individuals to make art, music, and poetry, play games, participate in a skit, and have time for reflection and meditation. There will also be information on filling out conscientious objector paperwork and exploring alternative service. Finally, we'll come back together for closing worship with sharing and song. The service will end by 11:45 with a light lunch to follow, served in the Shelter House at 12:00. Sign up for lunch on the bulletin board in the south lobby by next Sunday, June 28. Bring a lawn chair!

**Summer Book Study!** The Peace Committee, along with the Board of Mission and Service, is hosting a summer book study! Beginning **July 8 through August 26**, each Wednesday evening we'll study *Strange Worship: Six Steps for Challenging Christian Nationalism* by Drew Strait. We have 12 remaining copies of the book on loan from the Western District Conference Library. They can be checked out through either of the pastors or Julianna. For more information, contact a member of the Peace Committee.

**Camper Information:** If you know of people attending church camp (as campers and/or staff) please let Julianna know in the church office so these folks can be included in our prayers!

**Thank you** for the wonderful retirement cards and gifts, kind words of appreciation, and the beautiful flower arrangement. I will enjoy using the gift certificate to Charlottes Sew Natural! I have enjoyed serving as Administrative Assistant for the past 15 years. The friendships and relationships established are invaluable to me. I look forward to seeing how the church continues to grow and will hold you all in my prayers.

~Ruth Goertzen