



Welcome! We are glad you are here today!

Our Vision: A growing community of disciples of Jesus, expressing Christ's redeeming love and reconciliation.

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Prelude by Linda Myers

Opening song led by Keith Stoltzfus

Welcome and Call to Worship by Dave Moore

Offering for Leadership Support

Worship songs led by Keith

Scripture: Ephesians 6: 10-22 (Part II)

Sermon by Pastor Tom Eshleman

“The Church, Empowered with God’s Strength”

Closing Song

Sharing Time and Prayer

Benediction



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

TODAY: Verna Martin Boll: Sunday, August 9

Thelma Eberly (Miss): Wednesday, August 12

Lee Zimmerman: Friday, August 14

Janelle Horning: Saturday, August 15

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO RHODA SMOKER: Sunday, August 16

HAPPY 82nd BIRTHDAY TO JEAN WISSLER: Tuesday, August 18

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

TODAY: Earl and Linda Myers: Sunday, August 9

Levi and Marie Hoover: Monday, August 10

To give our teachers a summer break, Sunday School classes will not be meeting during the month of August nor on Labor Day weekend. We will begin classes again on Sunday, September 13.

An anonymous recipient of assistance from the Caring Team would like to thank Groffdale for this blessing.

The Property Team informed us that a bench grinder was left behind - it is on the brick planter at the south carport entrance.

Bring to the Lord in prayer:

Pray for David Umble to have the needed energy and inspiration as he completes his final week of summer camp at Sankanac.

Continue to pray for Jonathan Bauman as he receives care at LGH. Pray for healing of Jonathan's mind and body.

Give thanks to God for a wonderful youth kayaking retreat last weekend at Ray and Doris Horst's cabin.

Pray for Lily Zimmerman as she shares this morning with her Alaskan mission team at Bowmansville Mennonite Church.

Pray for Lance Watt who is experiencing declining health.

Pray for Jeff and Connie Martin as they grieve the passing of Connie's mother, Alice and as they prepare for the memorial service on August 22.

Pray for Jennifer Eshleman as she prepares for her second year of STEP training with LMC. Orientation is/was on Saturday August 8.

Pray for Lisa Zimmerman as she prepares for and leads the EMM board at their meetings in Ohio the weekend of August 15-16.

Encountering God this Summer

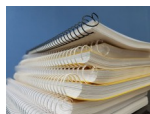
During these summer months we invite everyone to join us in some intentional practices for spiritual renewal. The first is an invitation to read the book of Ephesians and to identify a section of verses to memorize. You may choose to memorize one verse or a larger section of this wonderful book. We also invite you to be watching and alert to the ways God is speaking to us through ordinary and sometimes extraordinary ways this summer. Be on the lookout (at home or in your travels) for an “artifact” that represents this encounter with God.

MCC SCHOOL KITS

MCC is collecting school kits. Please feel free to pick up one or more bags from the back of the church and fill them with the following items:

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8-1/2 x 10 1/2” and 70 pages)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality, indicating 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser
- 4 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 metal pencil sharpener

Thank you for your generosity!!!



Morning Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 8:30am in the Conference Room. Everyone is invited to join this group for a meaningful time of prayer and fellowship.

***Thank you to those serving in our
worship service today!***

Ushers: Glenn Hershey and Charles Bauman

Projectionist: Diane Weaver

Sound Tech: Dale Weaver

Livestream: Jim Evans

Camera Operator: Dawn Moore

Serving next Sunday, August 16

Prelude: Bob Mohler/Rick Umble

Hymns Leader: Glenn Hershey

Sermon: Pastor Tom Eshleman

Sound: Dale Weaver

Projectionist: Becki Day

Livestream: Keith Stoltzfus

Camera: Harold Mohler

Ushers: Elvin and Lois Martin

Offering: Program Fund

OFFERING

Listed below are the totals for the last week's offerings and deposits. Thank you for your giving!

Missions	\$ 3,925.60
Leadership Support	\$ 2,369.45
Program Fund	\$ 1,651.67
Church Facilities	\$ 777.28



WELCOME GUESTS AND VISITORS!

We are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning and we hope you come again. We invite you to fill out one of the guest cards found on the back of the church benches and place the completed card in the offering basket.

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