

God's People Gather to Worship

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. John 11:25-26"

For our guests

- The guestbook and name tags are at the Welcome Table, as well as a small gift for our first-time visitors.
- There is opportunity for introduction of guests during the pre-service time.
- Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Ask a greeter or any one of the ushers.

Caring for our children — Professionally-staffed child care is offered beginning at 9:20 am.

- **Toddler Nursery** for newborns through age 2, including a nursing nook, and crib room.
- **Preschool Nursery** for ages 3-5 (Pre-K), in Room 11.
- **Children's Time** during worship. Children are invited to come to the platform.

Following Worship

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below.
- **Caring and Sharing** time is available in the center Fellowship Area.

Christian Education	
Children	
10:45 am	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<i>SHINE Curriculum</i>	
Nursery	Nursery
3 & 4 year olds	Rooms 13 & 14
Grades K-1	Room 11
Grades 2 & 3	Room 12
Grades 4 & 5	Room 9
Grades 6-8	Room 8
Adults & Teens	
The New Jim Crow David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Sanctuary	
Adult Bible Study Judy Hershberger, Leader Conference Room	
High School Study David Warfel Leader, Rooms 5 & 7	

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.	
* Junior & Youth Choirs	* Area Clusters
* Junior High Fellowship	* Mennonite Women
* Senior High Fellowship	* Book Studies
* Young Families	* Homebuilders
* Women's Bible Studies	* Seniors Events
* Next Man's Bible Study	* Parish Nurse

Order of Worship March 26, 2017 Lent 4 We Breathe

*When we come to the end of our own human vitality, purpose and strength, we recognize the reality of death in and around us.
God, who is Spirit, breathes life into us, revealing God's glory and purpose.
We, and the community, are restored.*

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Dorothy Loepp
Call to Worship		Marge Weaver
*Hymn		Cindy Ropp HWB 26 HWB 356
	<i>Holy Spirit, Come With Power Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Pastor Jane Roeschley
Worship Music	Bwana Asifiwe arr Burrows	Junior Choir
Offering		
Confession and Words of Assurance		Screen and Back of Bulletin
Worship Music	<i>At the Foot of the Cross</i> Dengler & Dengler	Adult Choir
Congregational Prayer with Lord's Prayer		
Worship Music	Gentle Voice arr Dengler & Dengler	Treble Choir
Scripture	John 11:1-45	Lenten Drama Group
Sermon	More Than Zombies	
*Hymn	<i>We Praise Thee, O God</i>	HWB 99
*Benediction		
*Postlude and Dismissal		

**Please stand as you are able.*

Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Junior Choir	6:00 pm
	Youth Choir	6:45 pm
	Homebuilders	6:45 pm
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tue Mar 21	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
	Lenten Drama Group	6:30 pm
Thu Mar 23	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Mar 31-Apr 1	IMC Meeting	Menno Haven
April 1	Red Cross Blood Drive	8:00 am

Homebuilders The time of the Homebuilders meeting this Sunday, March 26 has been changed from 7:00 pm to 6:45 pm to accommodate Adult Choir practice. Speaker: Steve Stenger; Topic: Recently completed McLean County Historical Museum Exhibit. All welcome.

Lenten Drama Group Participants today are Bess Desch, Claire Dyck, Wilma Dyck, Deborah Spacek, Lois Hochstetler, Abby Warfel, Wayne Hochstetler and Joe Culpepper.

Worship Visuals *Restore Us, O God* is our Lenten worship theme. Visuals on the table (scattered Legos that become orderly) and on the wall (wrinkled, knotted panels that become smooth) offer us visual ways to reflect on God's mission to bring complete restoration wherever needed in our lives and in our world.

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.
 Year-to-date Income \$66,085.07
 Year-to-date Expenses \$84,289.92
 February Income \$31,894.46
 February Expenses \$44,431.85
 Attendance on March 19 was 165.

Red Cross Blood Drive April 1 Sign up in the church library or online.

MCN Office Manager Applications due April 1

The Job Description and Application for the position of MCN Office Manager (formerly Administrative Assistant) is posted on the MCN website. There are also copies of the Job Description and Application on the Entrance Table.

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: God, we confess, that, when we look into the valleys of our lives, we are tempted to fix our gaze on all the remnants of our past. We see the dry bones. We doubt whether these bones will ever live again.

People: But you, O Lord, are the life-giving Spirit. You breathe new life into all that is dead!

Leader: You, O God, raised up the dry bones in the valley.

People: Your Son, Jesus, brought Lazarus out of the tomb. And Your Spirit lifted anew the hearts of the disciples.

Leader: Teach us, O Lord, to wait for Your Breath.

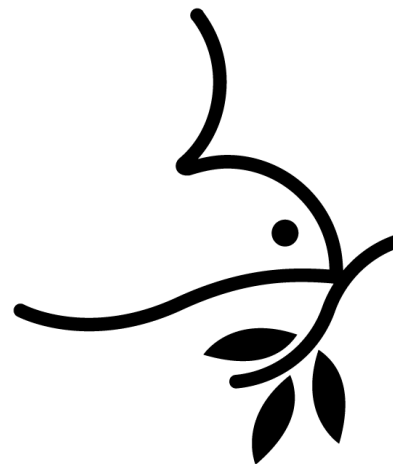
ALL: Blow your mighty wind into the hollow chambers of our hearts -that we may never settle for death.....

(Pause for silent Confession).

Leader:but rise anew as your beloved people.

ALL: Holy God, Breath of Life, restore us.

Leader: But with you there is forgiveness. Our whole selves waited for you, O Lord. And you answered us. In you there is unfailing love and full redemption. You redeem us from all our sin. We can, with reverence, serve you once more. Amen.



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**Restore Us, O God
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Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world