

God's People Gather to Worship

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." John 9:3-5

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 April 2, 2017 Lent 5 We See

We are bombarded by visual images, and can mistake what is seen for what is true. God reveals hidden truths, surprising us and challenging our assumptions. Once our hearts and eyes are opened, we can see with holy clarity.

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Lydia Hedberg
Call to Worship		Marge Weaver
*Hymns		Barry Weaver Randy Zehr HWB 545 Screen
	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i> <i>Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord</i>	
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Louise Reeser
Offering		
Confession and Words of Assurance		Screen and Back of Bulletin
Worship Music	<i>Let Us Gather in the Shadow of the Cross</i>	Youth Choir
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>Open My Eyes</i>	STS 65
Scripture	John 9	Lenten Drama Group
Sermon	<i>Still Be My Vision</i> <i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Clara Unzicker
*Hymn	<i>Rain Down</i>	STJ 49
*Benediction		
*Postlude	<i>Go in the Grace of the Lord</i> Barnard	Men's Chorus
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
	Adult Choir	7:30 pm
Tue Apr 4	Staff Meeting	10:30 am
	Lenten Drama Group	6:30 pm
Wed Apr 5	Family Fun Night	5:15 pm
Thur Apr 6	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
Sat Apr 8	Worship Plan Retreat	1:00 pm

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

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.

Serving at Anointing Stations today are Joe Culpepper, Jan Miller, Marge Nester, Tim Schrag

Family Fun Night on Wednesday, April 5 from 5:15-7:30! We'll eat as people arrive from about 5:15-6. This evening will be a chance for your family to connect and be together. Think food, family, faith and FUN! ALL ages are welcome! Rumor has it there will be a bounce house! We also need help to make this night possible. Volunteer sign up is at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e094faaa87-mcnfamily>

Confession and Words of Assurance

Leader: O God, you open our eyes to see what is true. But, God, we confess that sometimes it is easier for us to stay blind than to embrace the fullness of your truth.

People: We admit that it is scary and unsettling to fully accept what you would have us see.

Leader: For your truth exposes our hidden secrets, upsets our expectations, and establishes new order where we are no longer in charge. Forgive us, O Lord, when we are more keen on keeping what has been than to expect your miracle.

People: Unbind the blinders on our eyes, that we may see and celebrate your goodness around us. Quicken our minds, and soften our hearts, that we may recognize that you are at work.

(Pause for silent confession)

Leader: God, who brings all things into light,

All: Come, restore us.

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 26 was 167.



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**Restore Us, O God
Lent 5
We See**

Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world