

May 1, 2016
Worship: 9:30 am
Christian Education: 11 am

GATHERING

Prelude Crystal Underwood

Welcome, announcements and introductions

Call to worship

*Hymns *What is this place* HWB 1
Holy, holy, holy HWB 120

Lighting the Peace Candle Tyler Klassen
God of Peace, Christ of Peace, Spirit of Peace, you are calling us to be peacemakers. Today we light this candle as a reminder of our calling.

HEARING

Scripture Hebrews 11:1-7, 29-34, 39 Mark Claassen

Children's time Brenda Summers

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, we come before you to confess:
We have not lived out the folly of the Gospel.

**People: You call us to be poor in spirit,
yet we often place our desires over the needs of others.**

Leader: You call us to mourn,
yet we insulate ourselves from the pain surrounding us.

**People: You call us to be meek,
yet we struggle to appear strong and superior.**

Leader: You call us to thirst for righteousness,
yet we want to take the easiest path.

**People: You call us to be pure in heart,
yet our hearts are pulled in many directions.**

Leader: You call us to be peacemakers,
yet we struggle to live in peace with those closest to us
and we are too often silent about the
warring ways of our nation.

**All: Forgive us, O God,
and help us to follow the way of Jesus
ever more faithfully. Amen.**

Words of Assurance

Scripture Psalm 25:1-10 Colleen White

Hymn *I know not why God's wondrous* HWB 338

Scripture II Samuel 5:1-10 Rich Preheim

Sermon **Nevertheless ... and Mystery** Margaret Sawatsky

RESPONDING

*Hymn *We are often tossed and driv'n* SS 72

Commissioning of pastoral search committee

Responding in testimony and sharing Andrew Austin
What spoke to you in this service? What joys and concerns
would you share? (Brief comments appreciated)

Prayer

Offering
(Please sign the attendance register at the end of the row)

*Hymn *Let there be light, Lord God* SJ 67

*Benediction

Postlude



*Please stand if you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Margaret Sawatsky, our preacher this morning, is a retired chaplain and is providing pastoral and administrative support during Charles Geiser's sabbatical. **Rich Preheim**, worship leader, is a freelance writer and historian. **Andrew Austin**, who is leading the sharing time, is a seminary student doing a pastoral internship this year.

All are welcome to join in our monthly carry-in meal today. Following the meal, we will have our **annual congregational business meeting**. Report packets were distributed two weeks ago; request a copy from Mary Klassen if you need one today.

During the Christian Education hour adults are studying the texts from the previous week in the Year of the Bible schedule. Bring the page with questions for the week and come even if you were not able to finish all of the reading for the week.

Come read the week's Scriptures together on Mondays at 5 pm.

Thank you to Susan Opanga for bringing two beautiful baskets from Tanzania for collecting our offering.

Mary Klassen will be out of the church office Monday through Wednesday this week. She can respond to email messages, but if you need assistance with anything, contact Margaret Sawatsky.

Come and enjoy food you read about in the Bible on Wednesday, May 4 at 6 pm. The meal will include a variety of tasty foods, including lamb. You will also want to meet and hear the stories of women in the Bible. Please sign up on the bulletin board today if you plan to attend this interesting evening.

Center for Healing & Hope Fiesta Feast: Enjoy a Puerto Rican meal while supporting the Center for Healing & Hope. Rolling Scones will prepare the meal, Saturday, May 14, 5-7 pm, at College Mennonite Church (1900 S. Main St., Goshen) Eat in or carry out available. To order tickets, call 574-534-4744, ext. 201, email info@CHHclinics.org, or purchase online at www.CHHclinics.org. Proceeds help to provide urgent medical care and advocacy for the uninsured.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events

May 15, Pentecost Sunday: We will have communion during the morning worship service.

June 9, 3-4:30 pm: Service project for the congregation (especially the children): Assemble school kits at the Mennonite Central Committee Material Resource Center in Goshen.

June 15 and July 13: Summer Bible School events. Join the worship, learning and fun from 6:30 to 8:30 these two evenings. Watch for announcements of ways you can help.

Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) Annual Business Meeting is Thursday, May 19, 6:30 pm at Bread & Chocolate in The Old Bag Factory, Goshen. Jennifer King, senior project manager, will talk about MEDA's newest project for women in Myanmar. RSVP by Friday, May 13, to info@michianameda.org or 574-355-3607.

Maple City Health Care Center, a non-profit organization providing affordable quality care is looking for a full time Billing Team Member and a full time Medical Interpreter/Translator. For more information or to see a job description, visit www.mchcc.com. Please contact Pamela Weishaupt, pamw@vistagoshen.org or 574-534-0088 ext. 421.

Christian Education today

Children are invited to have a snack in the educational wing before joining their classes.

Adults will discuss the previous week's Bible readings.

Upcoming concerts featuring Junior High Youth

May 2

Concord Orchestra Festival, including the orchestras in which Lara Claassen, Rachelle Claassen and Joyce Odhiambo are members
McCuen Gym at Concord High School, 7:30 pm

May 9

Concord Band Festival, including the band in which William Odhiambo and Rose Gouda George are members
McCuen Gym at Concord High School, 7:30 pm

May 15

Youth Honors Orchestra in which Lara Claassen and Josue Vielman are members
Sauder Concert Hall at Goshen College, 4 pm

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Assisting in our worship today

Worship leader	Rich Preheim
Pianist	Crystal Underwood
Song leader	Chris Habegger
Ushers	Lucille Gering, Annie Mohr Brent Graber, Susan Opanga
Childcare	Louise Claassen, Jacob Underwood
Worship visuals	SaeJin Lee

Next Sunday Ryan Harker, preacher
Jamie Pitts, worship leader

Attendance on April 24 64, including 1 guest

Calendar for the week

Mon, May 2, 5 pm	Reading the Bible together
Wed, May 4, 6 pm	Foods of the Bible event
Thurs, May 5, 6 pm	Rios de Agua Viva
Sat, May 7, 7-9 am	Rios de Agua Viva

Birthdays this week

Reid Marks (5)
Sandra Vielman (5)

Upcoming calendar items

Pentecost Sunday, May 15:

We will have communion in the morning worship service
Jenna Liechty Martin, executive director of Camp Friedenswald,
will speak during the Christian Education hour.