

Benediction (*Congregation joins in reading bold print*)

We know the fear of the upper room.
We know the feeling of hard days and long nights.
We know the grief of the tomb,
And the particular ache of saying goodbye.
We know the pain of Good Friday,
And we know the darkness before dawn.
And still,
And still,
We believe.

We believe that again and again,

The sun will rise.

Again and again,

God will draw near.

Again and again,

We will march toward justice.

Again and again,

The tomb will be empty.

Again and again,

Love will win.

Again and again,

God will lead the church.

Again and again,

And again and again,

We will be loved.

The journey will not be perfect.

We will need to rise before dawn.

We will need angels along the way.

But again and again,

The sun will rise.

We believe.

Amen.

Join us for breakfast under the carport.

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March 28 (Zoom)

Attendance: 37

Church Offering: \$5,240.00 (for March 28 and April 4)

Upcoming Events

All activities are on zoom unless otherwise stated.

Wednesday, April 7: Shine Bright Club, 7:00 p.m.

April 10, Garden Work: 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 11

Sunday School: 9:00 am.

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leader: Karina Morales

Sermon: Richard Weaver

Congregational Prayer: Dawn Ranck-Hower

Children's Time: Ray Hurst

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 8: Rhoda Weaver; **April 10:** Tim Martin

Church News

"This is Us:" Contact Pastor Dawn if you are willing to share about your family on **April 18, 25, or May 9, 16, 23, or 30.**

Camp Scholarships: Consider giving a donation to make it possible for children in our congregation to enjoy a week at camp this summer. Mark "Church Camp" on offering envelope. Contact Pastor Dawn if you would like to have access to a camp scholarship in 2021.

Sunday School: April 11-May 30. Each Sunday we will be listening to and discussing a Chapter of *"I Am Not Your Enemy: Stories to Transform a Divided World"* by Michael T. McRay. The author visits divided regions of the world and interviews activists, peacebuilders, former combatants, and clergy members about their personal stories of conflict, justice, and reconciliation. In a time of heightened alienation and fear, McRay offers true, sacred stories of reconciliation and justice, asking what they can teach us about our own divided states. We need stories that cultivate empathy and tell the truth. We need stories to save us from our fear. (There will be no Sunday School on May 2 or June-August)

Community News

1040 for Peace hosts webinar: "Martin Luther King on Racism and War" 7:30 p.m., Wednesday evening, **April 7** Featuring Dr. Drew G.I. Hart and Rev. Joanna Lawrence Shenk and hosted by Titus Peachey. Dr. Hart is an activist, pastor, and a professor at Messiah University. He is the author of *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism* (2016) the recent *Who Will be a Witness? Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love and Deliverance* (2020). Rev. Shenk is associate pastor of the First Mennonite Church of San Francisco and former associate for Interchurch Relations and Communications at Mennonite Church, USA. Shenk interviewed Vincent Harding a few years before his death, and published *The Movement Makes Us Human: An Interview with Dr Vincent Harding on Mennonites, Vietnam, and MLK, Wipf & Stock, 2018*. Dr. Hart and Rev. Shenk will reflect on the relevancy today of King's "Beyond Vietnam" speech. Persons can register for the webinar at tinyurl.com/MLK1040Webinar.

Book Unveiling: Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society hosts author Beth Oberholtzer and photographer John Herr in an exclusive complimentary online event to unveil their new book, *Working Horses of Lancaster County*, and the companion children's book, *Mares & Foals*, on Tuesday, **April 27** at 7 pm. Zoom information at bit.ly/ZoomWHLC.

Caring for God's Earth: A Hopeful Response to the Climate Crisis, Friday-Saturday, May 7-8. This two-day event with both virtual and in-person components will equip and give hope to current and developing church leaders and others concerned about climate change. The day includes online plenary sessions and workshops as well as inspiring in-person field trips to explore climate action work being done in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area. This event is offered by the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, Mennonite Central Committee East Coast, and the Peace & Justice Committee of Atlantic Coast Conference. Info and registration at atlanticcoastconference.net/gods-earth. Registration required.