

Living Ink: Turning Over a New Leaf

Focus Statement: As we turn over the page of each chapter in the grand covenant narrative, we find ourselves invited to “re-turn” to the open arms of Christ and his ways, and to experience his good news of reconciliation.

Gathering

Pre-service Music	Ruth Carrasco
Call to Worship (<i>back of bulletin</i>) (<i>based on Psalm 32</i>)	Bryan Hower
Opening Prayer	
<i>I am thine, O Lord (WB 505)</i>	Bob Weaver
<i>We are people of God's peace (WB 407)</i>	
Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts	
Offertory: “My Coins Count” video	

Confessing and Reconciling

Prayer of Confession and Reconciliation
Assurance (*based on Psalm 32*)
Amazing grace! (WB 143)

Hearing God's Story

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
L.E.N.T News Lois Zimmerman & Bob Weaver
I love to tell the story (WB 398)
Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9
Sermon: “The Prodigal Father Through the Lens of the Elder Son” Sherill Hostetter*

Responding

Ritual
Listen, God is calling (SJ 42)
Sharing Time & Announcements
Congregational Prayer

Bob A. Martin

Sending

I bind my heart this tide (WB 411)
Benediction (*Psalm 63*)

* **Sherill Hostetter** is a trained spiritual director who is passionate about persons experiencing the generous God of love and mercy that we worship. She also longs for the Christian church to respect the strengths of different spiritual streams as embodied by Jesus. Sherill has served with Eastern Mennonite Missions for the last 27 years, 15 of them in the office at Salunga as a co-Human Resource and Member Care Director, along with her husband, Darrel. They have cared for workers in crisis situations and have led spiritual formation retreats around the globe. Sherill has also given spiritual direction via skype to many workers. They have ended their role at EMM and are currently discerning what God is calling them to in this next season of life.

Greeters: Laurence King & Karina Morales
Nursery: Jen Morales & Peg Jackson; **Sound:** Judy Nguyen
Usher: Kyla Morales; **Closing:** John Campbell

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

9:00 a.m.

Happy Birthday!

Mar. 11 - Sarah Martin Mar. 12 - Barbara Longenecker

Happy Anniversary!

Mar. 10 - Bryan & Dawn R. Hower

NEXT SUNDAY - March 13

Coffee House: Peg & Darryl Jackson

Greeters: Jim & Evelyn Bailey

Nursery: Judy Nguyen & Karina Morales

Worship Leader: Bob A. Martin, **Sound:** Wade Esbenshade

Message: Dawn Ranck Hower

Usher: Anna Mae Weaver, **Closing:** John Campbell

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 6 Combined Sunday School: Safe Church Policy Training Fellowship Meal

Mar. 9 Early Morning Prayer 6:30 a.m.
Sewing Circle 8:00 a.m.

Mar. 12 Men's Prayer Breakfast at Squireside 7:00 a.m.

Mar. 16 Junior/Senior Youth at Groffdale Mennonite 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 17 ELC Board Meeting

Mar. 20 Palm Sunday

Mar. 24 Maundy Thursday Meal & Service 6:00 p.m.

Mar. 25 Good Friday Service 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 27 Easter Sunday

Church News and Information

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to pray for the Early Learning Center's children, staff, and board members.

Meeting: Pastor Dawn is attending the Constituency Leaders Council meeting in Goshen from **March 6-9**. Contact Bob A. Martin with pastoral care concerns.

Vote Update: 41 persons returned ballots agreeing to change the March, 2005 Organizational Guideline Quorum requirement for voting at a congregational meeting from 40 members to 51% of resident active members. The 2016 budget passed with 100% affirmation.

Refugees: Be in prayer for the group from church that will be helping to resettle a refugee family; for the family who will be assigned to us; and for other refugees around the world.

Cross Connection Meal: Our church is scheduled to provide a meal for the youth on Wednesday, **March 16**. There are two ways to be involved: 1) Contact Ruth Carrasco if you are interested in serving the food; 2) sign up to bring food items. Sign up sheet is on table in lobby. Bring food to church by NOON on March 16.

My Coins Count!!! Fill the bucket to the rim! Each year, spare change collected by churches, children, and families add up to more than \$600,000 for Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world. Change will be collected by the children during the offering each Sunday in **March**.

He Named Me Malala: Lancaster MEDA will host a showing of this critically-acclaimed documentary on Thursday, **March 17** at 7:00 p.m. with discussion following. Location: Highland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster. Admission is free, but registration is required. RSVP by March 11: Allison Nafziger at (717)560-6546 or chapters@meda.org. For more information visit www.meda.org/lancaster.

Thai Dance and Drama: A lively and entertaining program by performers from the Christian Communications Institute, a ministry in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Sunday, **April 3**, 7 p.m. at Garden Spot Village Chapel. Free will offering.

Harmonies 11th Annual Hymn Sing: Sing favorites around the theme, Resurrection and Evening, Sunday, **April 3**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. The Reunion Vocal Band will participate. A free-will offering will benefit the music ministry of Harmonies Workshop.

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Secretary office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 7-9:30 a.m.;

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