

Psalm 84:10a (NIV) "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;"

MT. CLINTON MENNONITE CHURCH

January 21, 2024

Blessings to you this Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday! We welcome you to our Sunday School at 9:30. We have a combined Sunday School class that is exploring the Voices Together hymnal, and meets in the sanctuary. Children's SS classes are in the basement Sunday School rooms. Our worship service begins at 10:30.

Call to Worship & Prayer Psalm 84

Songs

Scripture Reading Matthew 18:1-4

Tithes and Offerings

Songs

Scripture Reading Ephesians 2:8-10; 14-17, 3:10-12

Sermon *Called to be a Faithful Church*

Lord's Supper

Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song

Benediction

Worship Leader	Dale Hartzler
Song Leader	Larry Wenger
Prelude/Offertory	Zachary Trost
Scripture Reader	Jim Hershberger
Preacher	Elwood Yoder

Prayer Focus: Pray for the various VMissions workers who visit the local campuses of EMU, JMU and Bridgewater College hosting Bible studies and other activities that help students know Jesus and deepen their Christian faith.

Announcements

We welcome Elwood Yoder as our preacher this morning. Since this is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday his sermon explores Anabaptist understandings of the church. He is delving into the book of Ephesians as the Biblical basis of his comments. Elwood taught Anabaptist History among other subjects at EMHS for many years and has written various books and articles on Anabaptist history and life.

Come out to the SS class singing through the Voices Together hymn book in January and February. Bring your copy if you have one. We have loaners to use also. We will learn text and tunes/harmonies of new songs in the various sections of the hymnal. If you have specific new songs you want to learn please let Pastor Jim know.

There is a parents night out at the Eberly home on Saturday, January 27, 5:30-8:30 pm. Each child is welcome to bring something for Show and Tell.

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Mark your calendars for Wednesday Night Fellowship on February 14th! Details to come.

We all can acknowledge the importance of prayer and the difficulty of praying. The Adult Sunday School class that meets downstairs will begin a study of the Psalms in March using Eugene Peterson's **Answering God: The Psalms as Tools for Prayer**. The book provides guidelines on prayer as a movement of listening to and answering God rather than solely asking God to hear our prayers. Additionally, Eugene Peterson's book emphasizes the poetic, honest nature of the Psalms in stirring people's biblical imagination and highlighting the breadth of the human condition.

There will be a joint Central District and Southern District worship service February 18 at 6 pm at Springdale Mennonite Church. The purpose for the service is to worship together and seek renewal, healing and hope.

WE WANT YOU TO KNOW

January 7 & 14

Offering: Budget – \$8,656.00

January 14

Attendance: Worship Service – Church 65; Zoom 7; Facebook 4; Total 76

Adult Sunday School – Total 35

Sanctuary Classroom – Church 26; Zoom, 0; Other 9

Children's Sunday School – Children 6; Adults 4

January 21 Greeter: Martha Clymer

January 28 Greeter: Chuck Eberly

Our Vision: God calls us to be a worshiping, welcoming and united family of faith, following Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and ministering God's salvation, healing and hope to the local community, the nation, and the world.

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