

MENNO MENNONITE CHURCH

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10:00 a.m. Worship;

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9:15-9:45: Prayer time in the library each Sunday morning to seek God's guidance for what He has for us at Menno.

Greeter: Regan Bonato

Song Leader: Butch Gering

Accompanist: Pastor Jeanie Hershey

Candlelighter: Benjamin Claassen

WELCOME!

Call to Worship: *"May God who makes all things new, dwell among us and give us life."*

Hymn: #8 HWB "Brethren, we have met to worship"

Hymn: #100 HWB "Praise him, praise him!"

Announcements, Joys and Concerns, Prayer:

Offering/Response:

Great God, you are the giver of life and all that is good

Accept our humble gifts and multiply them.

Accept our humble hearts and mold them.

Accept our humble lives and transform them.

That we might live in the power of the resurrection

Willing to risk all for your kingdom

In the name of Jesus we offer these gifts,

And in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen

Kid's Time: Pastor Lyn Hershey

Hymn #596 HWB "And I will raise you up"

Message: "Good News out of Bad" Pastor Jeanie Hershey

Closing Hymn: #366 HWB "God of grace and God of glory"

Benediction

Next Sunday

Greeters: Stan & Sharon Meyer

Song Leader: Gordon Gering

Accompanist: Katherine Swinger

Candlelighter: Zane Swinger

*Menno Mennonite Church, a Christian Anabaptist Community,
equips believers through relevant Worship and Study,
and expresses God's love to others through
Stewardship and Service.*

Special Events: There are several special events coming up. We would appreciate your help in planning these. Please contact Pastor Jeanie if you would be willing to participate in this way.

Don't forget! ! Menno Family's Fun Time: Just as families need planning times to make sure family life includes the important things and all goes smoother, so do Church Families need those times.

We know this is a busy time for many of you but this is a very important meeting. It will either be September 8th 2-4pm or Sunday the 9th after the traditional Sunday School picnic. To be announced!

All elected persons/committee chairpersons, and other interested members, are encouraged to take part in planning Menno life for rest of 2018. If you cannot be present in your role, please ask someone to be an alternate. We would like kids to come and participate in this. Barb Franz will meet with you and help plan activities that you would like.

If at all possible, meet with your committee prior to the joint meeting to access their input also as to what your committee sees as important and commits to.

Come join us for a fun, synergistic, Spirit-filled time as we plan together. If questions, check with Char Hardt, Board Chair, or Pastor Jeanie Hershey.

Board of Deacons meeting Wednesday, September 12th, 7 PM at Menno Library. Agenda items may be sent to any of the Deacons.

A Sister Care Enrichment Retreat will be held at Drift Creek Camp on September 28-30, 2018. If you attended the Sister Care Retreat held at Menno several years ago, you are eligible to participate in this follow-up retreat. If you didn't attend the Menno retreat, alternative arrangements may be made. Registration deadline is September 15. See the brochure on the bulletin board for more information and registration forms.

MCC SCHOOL KIT UPDATE: Generous donations of metal pencil sharpeners (120 so far!) are coming to fill in supplies! As you continue to shop for items, please continue with the following list:

- 4 spiral notebooks (8.5 in. x 10.5 in. with 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 flexible ruler (must indicate 30 cm.)
- 12 colored pencils in packaging
- 1 large (pink) eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

Items may be placed in the box provided in the coat rack in the entry. Monetary donations are also accepted for this project. Make checks out to Menno Mennonite Church and indicate "school kits" in the memo line. If you are interested in sewing school kit bags, please see Elizabeth, Regan, or Sharon.

The Mennonite Country Auction is looking for Auction Items. Hand-made Items, antique items, tickets to sporting events or the arts are examples of items that sell well. Please email Cleon Claassen at cclaassen@smwireless.net or call him at 509-760-3579.

The Mennonite Country Auction is less than 2 months away. The craft booth is asking for contributions of hand made items to sell. The more you bring, the more we sell. Knitting? sewing? wood work? beads? whatever, your craft will be appreciated and help raise money for the efforts of MCC.

The Sunday school picnic will be September 9th. Hamburgers, refreshments and ice cream will be provided. If you are able please bring a side dish, salad, or chips.

³⁴⁻³⁵ “Master, come and see,” they said. **Now Jesus wept.**

³⁶ The Jews said, “Look how deeply he loved him.”

³⁷ Others among them said, “Well, if he loved him so much, why didn’t he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man.”

³⁸⁻³⁹ Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.”

The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, “Master, by this time there’s a stench. He’s been dead four days!”

⁴⁰ Jesus looked her in the eye. “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”

⁴¹⁻⁴² Then, to the others, “Go ahead, take away the stone.”

They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, “Father, I’m grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I’ve spoken so that they might believe that you sent me.”

⁴³⁻⁴⁴ Then he shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face.

Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him loose.” (*This is what Christ’s Resurrection does for us—sets us free of all that binds.*)

Redemption means that out of our greatest pain, can come our most profound personal mission in life. Lazarus’ life was never the same after he went through the sickness, death, burial and then raised to life. And as we yield our lives to God’s work in us we will also experience that. Good out of the bad.

Some background—

This happens likely 1 month prior to Jesus’ death. It is the third time that he raised someone from the dead.

Burial customs were very serious, and ritual. It was a way of paying respect to the one who died. The Scriptures say that a dead body is not to be left unburied.

When one died, their eyes were closed, they were to be kissed with love, the body to be washed, anointed with perfume, and then wrapped in special cloths. The face was to be covered with a special cloth, and the hands and feet tied with strips of cloth.

When this was done, relatives and friends could come to the home to say goodbye to the deceased—usually within 8 hours.

The body was then carried on a litter to the grave with family and friends taking turns carrying the litter as a sign of their affection. Women led the procession. It was customary to have loud wailing and often professional mourners were hired. The

Body was laid on a bench or shelf in the cave that would have several rooms. Then a large round stone was rolled over the opening to close the grave.

After about a year, family members would return to the cave and gather the bones, place them in a special box, and put in one of the back rooms in the cave.

In His humanity He wept and divinity He healed.

John 11 The Message (MSG) Watch for the contrasts between Jesus thinking and human thinking: The Death of Lazarus

11 ¹⁻³ A man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, (*how persons were identified*) the town of Mary and her sister Martha. This was the same Mary who massaged the Lord's feet with aromatic oils and then wiped them with her hair. (*remember the response—fussed at the wasting of money*) It was her brother Lazarus who was sick. So the sisters sent word to Jesus, "Master, the one you love so very much is sick."

⁴ When Jesus got the message, he said, "This sickness is not fatal. It will become an occasion to show God's glory by glorifying God's Son." (*Jesus gives them a clue as to what is going to happen*)

⁵⁻⁷ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, but, when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed on where he was for two more days. After the two days, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

⁸ They said, "Rabbi, you can't do that. The Jews are out to kill you, and you're going back?"

⁹⁻¹⁰ Jesus replied, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in daylight doesn't stumble because there's plenty of light from the sun. Walking at night, he might very well stumble because he can't see where he's going."

¹¹ He said these things, and then announced, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep. I'm going to wake him up."

¹²⁻¹³ The disciples said, "Master, if he's gone to sleep, he'll get a good rest and wake up feeling fine." Jesus was talking about death, while his disciples thought he was talking about taking a nap.

¹⁴⁻¹⁵ Then Jesus became explicit: "Lazarus died. And I am glad for your sakes that I wasn't there. You're about to be given new grounds for believing. Now let's go to him."

¹⁶ That's when Thomas, the one called the Twin, said to his companions, "Come along. We might as well die with him."

¹⁷⁻²⁰ When Jesus finally got there, he found Lazarus already four days dead. Bethany was near Jerusalem, only a couple of miles away, and many of the Jews were visiting Martha and Mary, sympathizing with them over their brother. Martha heard Jesus was coming and went out to meet him. Mary remained in the house.

²¹⁻²² Martha said, "Master, **if** you'd been here, my brother wouldn't have died. Even now, I know that whatever you ask God he will give you."

²³ Jesus said, "Your brother will be raised up."

²⁴ Martha replied, "I know that he will be raised up in the resurrection at the end of time."

²⁵⁻²⁶ "You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Master. All along I have believed that you are the Messiah, the Son of God who comes into the world."

²⁸ After saying this, she went to her sister Mary and whispered in her ear, "The Teacher is here and is asking for you."

²⁹⁻³² The moment she heard that, she jumped up and ran out to him. Jesus had not yet entered the town but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When her sympathizing Jewish friends saw Mary run off, they followed her, thinking she was on her way to the tomb to weep there. Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, "Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³⁻³⁴ When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, "Where did you put him?"