

God's People Gather to Worship

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Romans 8:31-32

For our guests

- The guestbook and name tags are at the Welcome Table, as well as a small gift for our first-time visitors.
- There is opportunity for introduction of guests during the pre-service time.
- Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Ask a greeter or any one of the ushers.

Caring for our children – Professionally-staffed child care is offered beginning at 9:20 am.

- **Toddler Nursery** for newborns through age 2, including a nursing nook, and crib room.
- **Preschool Nursery** for ages 3-5 (Pre-K), in Room 11.
- **Children's Time** during worship. Children are invited to come to the platform.

Following Worship

- **Christian Education** for adults today begins at 11:00 am . See below for class locations.

Christian Education Children		
10:45 am		
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)		Room 11
<i>SHINE Curriculum</i>		
Nursery		Nursery
3 & 4 year olds		Rooms 13 & 14
Grades K-1		Room 11
Grades 2 & 3		Room 12
Grades 4 & 5		Room 9
Grades 6-8		Room 8
Adults and Teens		
10:55 am		
<i>The True Story of the Whole World</i>		
Class approach	Teacher	Room
Lecture	Joe Culpepper	Room 4
Discussion	Melika Hershberger	NW Fell
Discussion	Leah Roeschley	NE Fell
Creative Arts	J. Roeschley & L. Miller	S Fell
Book Study	Darrel Miller	Room 2
Q & A	Cory Culbertson	Pastor's Office
Youth Discussion	Janelle Friesen	MYF Room

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.	
* Junior & Youth Choirs	* Area Clusters
* Junior High Fellowship	* Mennonite Women
* Senior High Fellowship	* Book Studies
* Young Families	* Homebuilders
* Women's Bible Studies	* Seniors Events
* Next Man's Bible Study	* Parish Nurse

Order of Worship May 22, 2016 Redemption Completed!

Community Life

Pastor Tim Schrag

Scripture Focus

Holly Zehr

“Look, God’s home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever.” Revelation 21:3-4

Prelude

Denise Hedberg

Call to Worship

*Hymn

New Earth, Heavens New

Wayne Hochstetler
HWB 299

*Prayer

Offering

Sunday School Teacher Recognition

Shelly King

Sharing and Preparation for Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:24-32

Mary Dyck

Sermon

A Story of Hope

*Hymn

Alleluia, the Great Storm is Over

STJ 71

*Benediction

*Postlude and Dismissal

** Please stand as you are able.*

Parents/Caregivers, please note that children's classes begin immediately after worship, and are dismissed one hour later.

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	Children's Christian Ed	10:30 am
	Reception for Grads	10:30 am
	Adult Christian Ed	11:00 am
	Christian Ed ends	11:30 am
	Fine Arts Event	1:30 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
Thur May 26	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am

Today

True Story of the Whole World This Sunday concludes the series.

A Word about our Worship Visuals Quilters have named blocks after Bible stories for generations. Throughout our True Story study series, a variety of quilt blocks representing Bible stories or themes are presented. Here is a description of today's quilt block:

Alpha - Revelation 22:13

This antique 4-patch block is geometrically fascinating and exquisitely named. Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, is symbolic of the root of all things. But the name also readily brings to mind the expression "alpha and omega," beginning and end. We have come full circle, from creation out of chaos to a new heaven and earth. Praise be to our Creator, Lord and Savior!

Fine Arts Event You are invited to attend the MCN Fine Arts Event, today, at 1:30 pm in the Sanctuary. This event celebrates the talents of our children and young people in a variety of forms, including music, visual arts, and others. Joins us for this special occasion! Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming

Adult and high school CE on May 29 will consist of an extended fellowship hour, no classes. With coffee!! One person suggested we all bring "our favorite Biblical snack food."

Summer Adult CE classes will begin on June 5. The three classes which will be offered are 1)the Uniform Bible Series led by Darrel Miller; 2)Taking Time for Jesus, led by Melika Hershberger and Angela Liew; and 3) Strolling Sunday School led by Meredith Schroeer (begins June 12) A flyer with class descriptions is in your mailbox today.

Of Note

Groundskeeper We are in critical need of a person to tend to the grounds around the building. We have one volunteer to take care of the canopy flower beds, but we have immediate need for someone to tend to the other flower beds. Are you feeling called to this? We would welcome your taking on all or part of this responsibility to help the church grounds look their best. If we have no responses by June 1, we will look to hire someone. Please contact any member of the Financial Stewardship Committee—Doug Ulrich, Rick Yoder, Linda Clemmons, Adam Augspurger or Gail Fisher.

MCN Spending Plan Status

April Income \$42,504.63

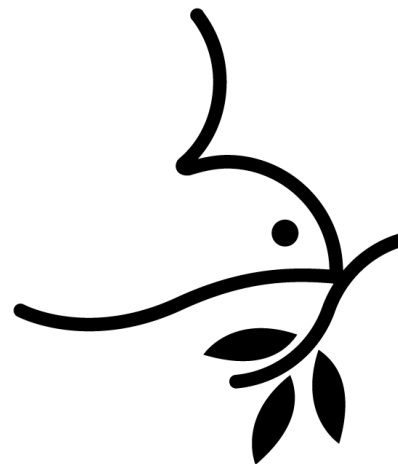
April Expenses \$42,017.30

Year to Date Income \$163,154.34

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Thank you for your offerings.

Attendance May 15, 2016 was 210.



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Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world