

# God's People Gather to Worship

The author of Psalm 84 wrote: "My heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God" (verse 2, NRSV). We welcome each of you as we share the privilege of worshipping God together.

## 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 begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below.
- **Caring and Sharing** time is available in the center Fellowship Area.

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 & Teens	
<b>The New Jim Crow</b> David Harnish & Amy Reiman, Leaders, Sanctuary	
<b>Adult Bible Study</b> Judy Hershberger, Leader Conference Room	
<b>High School Study</b> David Warfel Leader, Rooms 5 & 7	

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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 7, 2017

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Denise Hedberg
Call to Worship		Joe Culpepper
*Hymns	<i>Thine is the Glory</i> <i>Great is Thy Faithfulness</i>	Glenn Wilson HWB 269 HWB 327
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Cindy Ropp
Worship Music	<i>Lord, I Want to be a Christian</i>	Junior Choir
Offering		
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		
Worship Music	<i>Holy Spirit, Breathe New Life in Me</i>	Youth Choir
Scripture	Acts 2:42-47	Abby Warfel
Sermon	<i>Resurrection Signs</i>	Rev Doug Luginbill
Silent Reflection		
*Hymn	<i>Christ is Alive</i>	STS 89
*Benediction		
*Postlude		
*Dismissal	<i>*Please stand as you are able.</i> <i>Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.</i> <i>Please remember to silence your cell phone.</i>	

## Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	CE for Children	10:45 am
	CE for Adults	11:00 am
	Junior High Youth	5:00 pm
	Senior High Youth	5:00 pm
Mon May 8	Mennonite Women	9:30 am
Tue May 9	Staff Meeting	1:30 pm
	Worship Committee	5:00 pm
	Wellness Committee	5:30 pm
	Church Board	6:30 pm
	Christian Ed Committee	7:00 pm
Wed May 10	Peace & Justice Comm.	5:00 pm
	Pastoral Council	6:30 pm
Thur May 11	Next Man Bible Study	6:15 am
	Pastor-Peer IMC Mtg.	9:00 am
	Youth Ministry Comm.	6:00 pm

### ***This Sunday***

We welcome Doug and Paula Luginbill to our worship today. Doug is the Conference Minister to the Central District Conference and will be presenting the sermon today.

### ***Upcoming Events***

**Heart and Soul Concert** Heart and Soul is a Decatur-based choir for people with special needs, led by Don Martin. They will present a concert at MCN on May 13 at 4:00 pm.

#### **Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace**

At the invitation of the Outreach and Peace and Justice Committees, there will be a Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace program at MCN at 7:00 PM Sunday, May 14.

#### **MCN Spending Plan Status**

Thank you for your offerings.  
 Year-to-date Income \$145,457  
 Year-to-date Expenses \$181,042  
 April Income \$42,028  
 April Expenses \$53,791  
 Attendance on April 30 was 168.

**Guest Speaker for New Jim Crow Adult SS class**  
 Michelle Cook of the Jobs Partnership program will be coming to our Sunday School class on Sunday, May 21st, to share about the reentry program she facilitates for those newly released from prison. She will also be sharing volunteer opportunities for our congregation. While this is the conclusion to our study of the Sunday School class study of Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in an Era of Colorblindness*, anyone is welcome to attend.

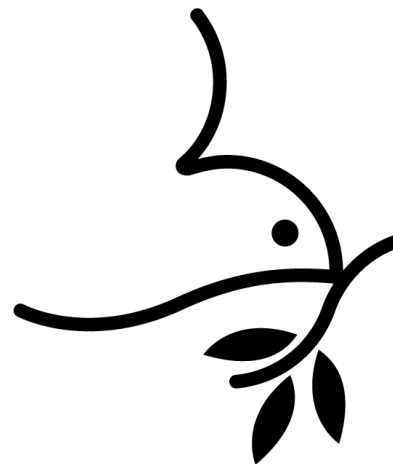
### ***Opportunities to Serve***

**Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed**  
 The Christian Education committee is looking for help with the children's Sunday School experience this summer. Volunteers can use the curriculum plan and activities provided for their day or choose to follow their own plan and "theme" with stories, songs, games, crafts, etc. of their own choosing. Contact Beth Reeser.

**Summer Worship** You are invited to sign up for one or more Sundays this summer to: provide special worship music, vocal or instrumental, to bring fresh flowers for in front of the pulpit, or to request a favorite hymn. Use this link to sign up [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/8050A4BA4A92BA57-special)

**Hygiene Kits** During May and June, Mennonite Women will be collecting Hygiene Kits. The bags are in the back of the Sanctuary for you to take home to fill with the necessary supplies: **1 adult size toothbrush, 1 large bar bath soap, 1 fingernail clipper 1 hand towel (dark color).** These should be NEW items only, in original packaging.

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**Camp Friedenswald Work Day** May 13  
**Central District Conference** June 22-24  
**MCUSA Conference** July 4-8



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