



Newsletter

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Mennonite Church of the Servant

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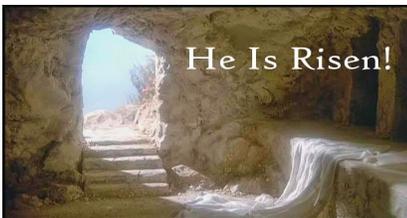
Pastor: Rev. Asia Frye

Preparation for Stations of the Cross Service

In order to prepare for the Palm Sunday celebration and Stations of the Cross via Zoom, you might want to look around your house and yard to gather:

- A small branch cut from a bush or tree in your yard that you can wave; or be creative and make a palm branch out of green construction paper.
- A few drops of olive oil or cooking oil for anointing
- Bread and juice (any kind) for communion, enough for the people in your house. Use what you already have on hand--crackers if you don't have bread, etc.
- A rag or piece of cloth you don't mind tearing, big enough to make a blindfold. Alternative: a piece of paper--newsprint, waxed paper, paper towel, etc. that can be torn and/or folded.
- Thorns, large nails (optional)
- A candle that can be lit at the beginning of the service and extinguished at the end.

- Lois Barrett



Sunday Services, 10:00 a.m. on Zoom, until further notice

Join Zoom Meeting

Online: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/644908398>

Phone: 301-715-8592

Meeting ID: 644 908 398

April 5: Palm Sunday—Theme: "Show us your Passion" (Stations of the Cross)

Worship Leaders: Vangie and Lois

April 12: Easter

Teacher: Asia

Worship Leader: Doug

April 19—Theme: "We are witnesses"

Teacher: Pat

Worship Leader: Geneva

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

April 26—Theme: "We are witnesses" (Lectio Divina)

Worship Leader: Doug

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Covenanting Service

Thursday, April 9

7:00 p.m.

(Watch for Zoom invitation)

Worship Leader: Asia

Mennonite Church of the Servant Covenant

We commit ourselves to following Jesus Christ, through whom God has made friends with the world and in whom we continue the work of reconciliation.

We commit ourselves to each other, the church, to love our brothers and sisters in God's family, sharing our decisions, our talents, our time, and our possessions

We commit ourselves to caring for the world, to bringing good news to the poor and setting free the oppressed, to proclaiming Jesus the Servant as Liberator and Lord.

We commit ourselves to the way of the cross, to a life of simplicity and prayer, in this is our joy, peace, and new life.

Tithing

Though we are meeting in person we do have meeting house expenses like the mortgage, We are looking into online giving options, but in the meantime you may mail checks to:

Jeanette Stucky
815 N Waco, Ste 37
Wichita, KS 67203

I would encourage those of us whose income remains stable during this time of uncertainty, to consider donating much of your stimulus check. If you donate it to the church Sharing Fund we are eligible for twice as many matching grants for Everence as usual. Then we can help both those of us who are financial affected and others via the sharing fund and get it matched.

Additionally, those of us who would normally have attended the MCC sale, I encourage to go ahead and donate what you normally would have spent. Last year Kansas gave more than half a million toward relief from the sale. Give at www.donate.mcc.org.

Covenanting Service

Our annual covenanting service will be April 9, Maundy Thursday, at 7pm. We will meet virtually via Zoom and "sign" the covenant by signing our own pieces of paper and holding them up for all to see. (I'm going to make a beautiful collage! -Asia) When we are able to gather in person we will sign the real covenant. Look for more information on the service (including food at home!) after Asia has attended her class on distance rituals

Easter Sunday

I am so thoroughly disappointed that we can not physically gather together for Easter. However, my spiritual director encouraged me this week in the perpetual unexpectedness of Easter. This is certainly an Unexpected Easter! As we continue during this season of Lent to prepare our hearts and minds, I invite you to reflect upon your own powerful experiences of resurrection--whether connected to Easter or not.

Safety

The Shepherds would like to encourage you to take all public health warnings seriously. Whenever a choice presents itself, please choose an abundance of caution. If anyone needs assistance please contact any of us

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Pastor Asia

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
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| | Mar 29 | 30 | 31 | Apr 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 10:00 MCS Worship | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| <i>Palm Sunday</i> 10:00 MCS Worship | | 7:00 Shepherds | 2:00 Worship Committee | <i>Happy Birthday, Pat Cameron!</i> 7:00 Covenanting Service | <i>Good Friday</i> | 9:30 Book Study | |
| | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| <i>Easter</i> 10:00 Worship | | | 7:00 Church Council | <i>Happy Birthday, Cody Esau-Rutherford!</i> | | | |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 10:00 Worship | | <i>Happy Birthday, Celeste Coba!</i> | <i>Earth Day 50th Anniversary</i> | <i>Happy Birthday, Jeanette Stucky!</i> | | 9:30 Book Study | |
| | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | May 1 | 2 |
| <i>Happy Birthday, Alex Esau!</i> 10:00 Worship (TimeTBA) Women's Reading Group | | <i>In memory of Warren Thanmithak on his birthday</i> | | | | | |