



Newsletter

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Book Studies

The final study on the book, *Freeing Jesus* is Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 on Zoom. The topics are in the last two chapters of Bass' book, "Way" and "Presence."

The Saturday book study resumes on April 23 at 9:30 a.m. The group will continue with its discussion of *The Gospel of Mary*.

Covenanting Service: Thursday, April 14

In this annual service, we renew our commitment to follow Jesus through this body, Mennonite Church of the Servant for another year. Lynn will be the worship leader. The service is on Zoom, so watch for the link in your e-mail.

Refugee and Immigration Justice Zoom Event April 21

The WDC Immigration Task Force invites you to learn the latest on how to support new migrants and refugees near you and learn about how to join the mission of two organizations that have been working at refugee resettlement and immigration justice for many years: MCC and the IRC (International Rescue Committee). For the Zoom link, please register by e-mailing wdc@mennowdc.org by April 20.

Church Retreat?

Please stay after worship on Sunday, April 3, to discuss options for this year's church retreat.

Sunday morning services are hybrid. Join us in person or online through Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/644908398>) or Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/page/643747492342153/search/?q=facebook%20live>)

Sunday Morning Worship, 10:00 a.m.

April 3 (Lent 5): Seeking God's Way—From scarcity to abundance

Teacher: Lois
Worship Leader: Bret
11:15 Church Retreat discussion

April 10 (Palm/Passion Sunday): Seeking God's Way—From power over to power with (Communion)

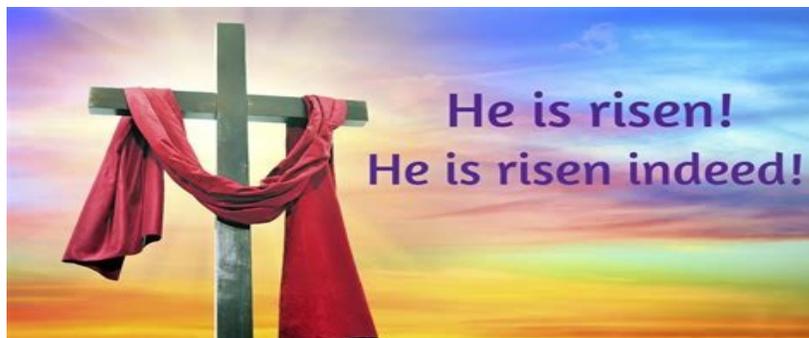
Worship Leader: Lynn

April 17: Easter: Seeking God's Way—From certainty to openness

Teacher: Pat
Worship Leader: Geneva

April 24: Hymns of Revelation [Rev. 1:4-8]

Teacher: ; Lynn
Worship Leader: Doug
11:30 Church Life



News from the Mennonite World

"I often tell people that my two primary identities are being Black and being Mennonite. Both identities have formed me into the person that I am today, and, although it may not be obvious to many, the two intersect in so many ways," writes Daniel Grimes in his blog, "Black history and the connection to Anabaptist faith values." Continue his story here: mennoniteusa.org/black-history-connection-

In his blog, "Repairing the Earth: A biblical call to peace giving," Everence's Beryl Jantzi writes, "We're all familiar with the concept of peacemaking. But have you considered peace giving? Looking back over Old Testament practices and Jewish history, we come across an ancient concept called 'tikkun olam' which means repairing the earth." Continue reading here: mennoniteusa.org/

In a recent blog, Mark Jantzen, a professor of history at Bethel College, wrote about the numerous connections between the Ukraine and Mennonite Church USA. He wrote the blog while on sabbatical and conducting research in Gdansk, Poland, where he observed the many Ukrainian refugees arriving in Poland. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/connections-ukraine-mc-usa

Bonnie Miller, who is on the board directors for Anabaptist Disabilities Network, calls us to think about the stigmas and biases we possess when it comes to relating to individuals with a disability in her blog "Creating Spaces of Belonging." Read it here: mennoniteusa.org/create-spaces-belonging

Everence® April webinar: Social Security and retirement income

Everence® will hold an informative Social Security and retirement income webinar on Tuesday, April 12, starting at 6:30 p.m. Specifics will include, Social Security strategies, including when to begin taking benefits, risks that can impact your retirement savings plus strategies to help your income last throughout retirement. There will also be plenty of time for questions. Information will be presented by staff from the Everence offices in Central Kansas. To register contact Everence at 316-283-3800, 877-467-7294 or central.kansas@everence.com

The Covenant of Mennonite Church of the Servant

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

We commit ourselves to each other, the church, to love our brothers and sisters in Gods 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.

**Mennonite Church of the Servant
Financial Narrative
As of February 2022**

We collected:			
	Budget Offerings	\$	5,916.43
	Designated Offerings		
	In-kind Donation		
	Retreat		
	Sharing Fund Donations		150.00
	Total income		<u>\$ 6,066.43</u>
We spent offerings on:			
	Conference Support	\$	79.34
	Congregational Enrichment		42.18
	Leadership		5,657.30
	Meeting House		1,929.08
	Operating Expense		236.43
	Sharing Fund		600.00
	Retreat		-
	Total expense		<u>(8,544.33)</u>
We paid down our loans			
			<u>(637.77)</u>
We spent more than we collected			<u>\$ (3,115.67)</u>

Sharing Fund			
Balance at beginning of year		\$	755.33
Contributions from Everence			-
Contributions from members			150.00
Paid Out			(600.00)
Balance			<u>\$ 305.33</u>

Fund Balances			
Building Fund		\$	1,483.79
Sharing Fund			305.33
Immigration Fund			315.00
Operating Fund			22,647.04
Cash in Bank			<u>\$ 24,751.16</u>

Building Equity			
Building Cost		\$	163,034.28
Owed to Everence			(64,521.93)
Owed to WDC			(2,512.64)
Equity in Building			<u>\$ 95,999.71</u>

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>2:00 Alex & Haley Baby Showerf</i>
3 <i>10:00 Worship 11:30 Retreat Discission</i>	4	5	6 <i>2:00 Wor-ship Com- mittee 7:00 Book Study</i>	7	8	9 <i>Happy Birth- day, Pat Cam- eron!</i>
10 PALM SUN- DAY <i>10:00 Worship Happy Birthday, Cody Esau- Rutherford!</i>	11	12 <i>7:00 Shep- herds</i>	13	14 <i>7:00 Cove- nanting Service</i>	15 GOOD FRI- DAY	16
17 EASTER <i>10:00 Worship</i>	18	19 <i>7:00 Church Council</i>	20	21 <i>7:00 WDC Refugee & Internat'l Justice Event Happy Birth- day, Celeste Coba!</i>	22	23 <i>9:30 Book Study Happy Birth- day, Jeanette Stucky!</i>
24 <i>10:00 Worship 11:30 Church Life</i>	25	26 <i>Happy Birth- day, Alex Esau!</i>	27	28	29	30