

Lowville Mennonite Church

WORSHIP SERVICE

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March 15, 2020

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We as a Pastoral Team, along with Congregational Chairperson, David Lapp, have made the decision to cancel public worship services for the next three Sundays as well as any other Lowville Mennonite Church activities. We are working on ways to stay connected with each other as well as continue to nurture our spiritual selves while we are not meeting. In the meantime, stay healthy and pray for those who are not.

The worship service will be available at 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning on YouTube.com. Search for Lowville Mennonite Church March 15, 2020. A link directly to this video will be sent out Saturday evening via Calling Post.

Welcome and call to worship – Keith Zehr

Bible Memorization: *We will be memorizing Scripture as a congregation each month. We will recite the passage in unison each week, with the goal that we will be able to recite it from memory by the end of the month. The passage for March will be John 3:14-17. “And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”*

Thoughts from Connie Zehr – “Do Not Fear”

Scripture – Exodus 17:1-7

Thoughts from Adam Houser – “Living Water: The Third Way”

Confession/Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Time – Connie Zehr

Thoughts from Keith Zehr – “An Enforced Sabbath”

Benediction

Extinguishing the light

Video – Lauren Daigle – “Peace Be Still”

EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

I want to thank everyone for the cards sent since my kidney transplant. Most importantly: Thank You for all of your prayers! Peter Lehman

Here are the links for meal trains this week:

Heather (Holbrook) and Joe Gallagher-<https://mealtrain.com/4lw5r8>

Brianna Kloster and Brendon Allen-<https://mealtrain.com/8gddzn>

Lewis County Mennonite Medical Aid assessments are: Seniors-\$500, Basic-\$350, Juniors (ages 19-24)-\$235. Payments go to Andy and Eunice Roggie; claims go to Ken and Carol Erb. **Payments are due on March 31.**

Orders are being taken for **AMHA ready-to-bake (2 lb.) ham loaves with glaze at \$12 each.** Submit your orders to info@mennoniteheritagefarm.com or call 315-771-7565 by Wednesday, April 1. Pickup date will be at your respective church kitchen on Sunday, April 5.

The **U.S. Census Bureau is now actively recruiting people** to work on the 2020 Census. We are looking to recruit thousands of employees to work in the communities where they live. These are temporary, part-time or full-time positions. Hourly wage is \$20 an hour for Enumerator/Listener; Census Field Supervisors are at \$22 an hour. Mileage is reimbursed at \$0.58 per mile. No experience or educational requirement is necessary. The website to apply is: 2020census.gov/jobs.

Ways to give to Lowville Mennonite Church: cash OR check: Made out to “Lowville Mennonite Church.” If your bank or credit union offers **BILL PAY TITHING**, you can use this free service for your giving. Your bank will automatically send a check weekly or monthly from your account to: Lowville Mennonite Church, Box 167, Lowville, NY 13367. Use your envelope number* as your account number. *See Connie Zehr if you are interested in using our envelope system.



Upcoming Events at Lowville Mennonite Church:

April 10 – Remembering the Cross

April 12 – Easter breakfast before the service

April 17 – Red Cross Blood Drive-2-7 p.m.

Upcoming Area Events:

March 31 – Dave Miller Family service-Naumburg-7:30 p.m.

April 4 – NYMC Delegate Assembly-Rochester

April 6-9 – Holy Week Ecumenical Services-Brookside-9:00 a.m.

(April 9 – LMC will lead service)

April 16-17 – MCC Meat Canner at Maple Ridge Center

April 19-21 – Legacy 500-Conversations on Anabaptism

April 21 – “Shame, Ego and God Within Us”-Spiritual Renewal Center

April 24 – MDS fundraiser meal-Naumburg Mennonite Church

The **weekly sermons** are posted on the church website (www.lowvillemennonite.org). Go to the “Worship” tab and then the “Sermons” dropdown to listen. Maybe this is a good chance to listen to a sermon you missed and intended to listen to at a later time!

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(If you have a bulletin announcement or other work you would like done, please contact Connie **no later than Thursday noon.**



Pandemic

What if you thought of it
as the Jews consider the Sabbath—
the most sacred of times?
Cease from travel.
Cease from buying and selling.
Give up, just for now,
on trying to make the world
different than it is.
Sing. Pray. Touch only those
to whom you commit your life.
Center down.

And when your body has become still,
reach out with your heart.
Know that we are connected
in ways that are terrifying and beautiful.
(You could hardly deny it now.)

Know that our lives
are in one another's hands.
(Surely, that has come clear.)
Do not reach out your hands.
Reach out your heart.
Reach out your words.
Reach out all the tendrils
of compassion that move, invisibly,
where we cannot touch.

Promise this world your love—
for better or for worse,
in sickness and in health,
so long as we all shall live.

—Lynn Ungar

*The mission of Lowville Mennonite Church is to be a
compassionate community of believers who seek to live out
Christ's teachings in our daily lives.*

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The following event announcements have been sent to be included in our bulletin. Status of many of these events is still pending. Please double-check before making plans to attend.

The **Agape Shoppe** Thrift Department is having a **50% off sale** on Fabric Panels and Coats until **March 21**. We are currently collecting paper bags and good heavy reusable bags for customers who do not have one. Popular donation items right now are plant pots and men's clothing. We appreciate all that you do for this mission!

The River Valley Mennonite School Belgian Waffle and Pancake Dinner will be on Friday, March 20, from 4:30-8:00 p.m. at the Naumburg Mennonite Church. Cost is donation basis. The dinner will include pure maple syrup, Moser sausage, fruit cup, and maple ice cream sundaes. All proceeds will benefit the **RVMS 2020 Convention students** and sponsors. Thank you for your support.

NYMC Annual Women's Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 21, at Sojourners Mennonite Fellowship in Belfast, NY. Details are posted on the bulletin boards. A group will be leaving Friday and staying overnight for the event. **Contact Beth Steria or Lois Zehr if you are interested in going.**

From Beaver Camp:

We're hiring! Love to work with people in an outdoor setting? We are looking for maintenance, lifeguard and kitchen help.

Spring Scrapbook Retreat April 3-4. Ladies this is the perfect opportunity to finish that scrapbook project. Get all the details at beavercamp.org or call 315-376-2640.

NYMC Spring Delegate Assembly will be held **April 4, 2020** at Rochester Mennonite Fellowship. It will be an important time for you to renew connections and help decide the direction of the conference. Shana Boshart, Denominational Minister for Faith

Formation, plans to be present and will make a presentation. We hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you there.

Terry Zehr will be leading a seminar entitled "**Shame, Ego and God Within Us**" at the Spiritual Renewal Center in Syracuse on **Tuesday, April 21**. Details are posted on the bulletin boards.

"Legacy 500 – Essential Conversations on Anabaptism" - Sunday, April 19, through Tuesday, April 21, at Croghan Mennonite Church at 7:15 p.m. Walfred Fahrner, author of *Building on the Rock* will be speaking on -- "Anabaptism: A Prophetic Understanding of Church."

The **MDS venison dinner** will be held on Friday, April 24, at the Naumburg Mennonite Church fellowship hall.



Conversations will not be cancelled.

Relationships will not be cancelled.

Love will not be cancelled.

Songs will not be cancelled.

Reading will not be cancelled.

Self-care will not be cancelled.

Hope will not be cancelled.

**May we lean into the good
stuff that remains.**

Jamie Taworski