The Final Four Hymns

April 26, 2020

Meditation Music

Nora Miller, piano

Call to Worship Daryl Unruh

Words for the Children

Sheralyn Goering

Special Music

The Lorica Ben Regier's Band

Scripture

Psalm 139:1-12 Daryl Unruh

Meditation

Everywhere Anita Kehr, pastor

Prayers of the church

Susan Jantzen, pastor

Closing music

Nora Miller, piano

*Check email on Sunday morning around 10:30 AM for a You Tube link to this service. Thanks to Joey Menninga for recording and editing this service.

Happy Birthday

Deb Penner—April 26 Sheralyn Goering—April 27 Marjorie Janzen—April 27 JoAn Thieszen—April 29 Kathy Becker—April 30 Rachel Koehn—May 2

The Lorica

I bind unto myself today The gift to call on the Trinity The saving faith where I can say Come three in one, oh one in three.

Refrain: Be above me, as high as the noonday sun Be below me, the rock I set my feet upon Be beside me, the wind on my left and right Be behind me, oh circle me with Your truth and life.

> I bind unto myself today The love of Angels and Seraphim The prayers and prophesies of Saints The words and deeds of righteous ones.

I bind unto myself today The hope to rise from the dust of earth The songs of nature giving praise To Master, Spirit, Living Word.

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Upcoming Worship Services

Through May 17—We will be focusing on the final four hymns/songs from our tournament during worship. Next week, we will be looking at *Come, thou fount of every blessing;*. (The other two are: *Be thou my vision* and—the winner—*Great is thy faithfulness.)*

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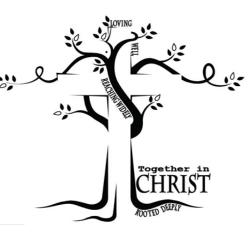
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Announcements

The offering for today will go to Local Mission. The offering for May 5 will be for Mennonite Mission Network.

If you would like help with having someone do pick-ups or deliveries for you, please contact the Church Office. There are people ready and willing to help.

Offerings can be sent to the church at P. O. Box 291, 429 E. First Street, Newton, KS 67114. There is also an offering plate in the Court Area that will be checked daily if you want to drop your gifts off at church. Please mark the designation of your offering. If left unmarked, it will go to Local Mission. **We are so grateful for your continuing support!**

Remember that the Caring Fund is available: In this time of economic disruption, the Caring Fund is available to help you. Please don't hesitate to talk to any of the Caring Fund Committee members if you could use some financial support during this time. Committee members are: Sam Claassen, Ken Fast, Ken Frey, Bob Schmidt (chair), and Anita Kehr.

Connecting with your groups: FMC has begun a subscription with Zoom, a videoand phone-conferencing software program. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with your Sunday School class, commission, committee, or whatever else, please contact Tracy Kerr in the Church Office during office hours (M-Th, 8:00-12:15, 1:00-4:30 and F, 8:00-12:00). She'll help you know what you need in order for an email invitation to go out to all involved. If there are persons in your meeting who can only connect by phone rather than through the internet, there is a way to do that, too. The subscription service allows us to invite more people to a meeting as well as allows for longer meetings.

You can still sign up for summer youth camps! Camp Mennoscah is planning to have summer youth camps, but recognizing the ever-changing nature of the COVID-19 situation, a final decision will be made closer to the start of camps. Your camp fees, including the non-refundable, non-transferable deposit, will be refunded if camp is canceled. Further information can be found at campmennoscah.org or by calling 620-297-3290. Please send your name to the church office if you need to be added to the Camp Scholarship list.

SR. HIGH YOUTH

Youth Group announcements—Youth Sunday School—Every Sunday—Zoom doors open at 9:30 AM, class starts at 10:00 AM. Watch for emails with details and your official Zoom invitation!

Youth Group will meet on Wednesday evening on Zoom! You can log on to Zoom at 6:30 PM, with the group beginning at 6:45 PM. Zoom invites will arrive beforehand.

Former WDC staff member, Marlene Bogard, is hosting a Zoom Story Hour at 11:30 AM (central time) on **Mondays and Thursdays** for the next several weeks. Children are invited! Stories will be geared to ages 3-8. In order to get the Zoom meeting link, please email Marlene at harderbogard@gmail.com.

Camp Mennoscah facilities and camp grounds will be closed at least until May 22. Keep in touch on the Camp Mennoscah Facebook page and YouTube channel! You can also reach us at 620-297-3290 or olivia.bartel@campmennoscah.org. We will continue to update information on our website and social media sites, as well as through email. Stay healthy!

First Mennonite cares too! You may have received your CARES check from the federal government already by direct deposit or may be still waiting for a paper check, but many in our community and around the world have been more directly affected by the pandemic and will not be getting any relief. The relief fund may have been a blessing to you in your time of need, but if you are able, the Outreach Commission would encourage you to pass the blessing on to others with unmet needs. Suggestions:

- Casa Betania Family Relief Fund. Checks may be written to Casa Betania and sent to Linda Shelly who will work with Pastor Graciela to administer the fund.
- **FMC Caring Fund** is responding to local needs including some initial funds for Casa Betania.
- New Hope Shelter has higher expenses because it is unable to use volunteers at this time.
- Mennonite Mission Network has a special project "IM 105 Global Disaster Response" focused on COVID-19 response.

In all cases if funding exceeds specific needs related to the COVID-19 response, the extra funds would be used to meet ongoing needs.

Transition information: The Search Committee meets again this coming Tuesday to continue to work on the Congregational Information Form. Keep them in your prayers!