

February 13, 2022 • Volume 67, No. 7 Annual Meeting: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m. (Zoom)



Gathering & Praising God

Abre mis ojos (Open My Eyes) (VT 732) Call to Worship / Prayer Bless Thou the Bread of Life

Steven Lantz

Hearing God's Voice

Scripture: John 6 Video Conversation with Children Dawn Kaczor

Sermon: "I Am the Bread of Life" — Jesus

Dawn Ranck-Hower

Responding

I Am the Bread of Life (VT 480)

Sung by Jaime Thietten

Sharing and Announcements

Prayer of the People & Prayer for Tithes and Offerings

Sending

God of the Bible (VT 420)
Benediction

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Attendance Total: 43 on Zoom • **Church Offering:** \$1,650.00

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 16: Adina Bills

NEXT SUNDAY: February 20

Sermon: Joyce Martin; **Children:** Michele Good **Worship Leader:** Sue Martin; **Prayer:** Lois Zimmerman

UPCOMING EVENTS

CANCELLED: Saturday, February 12, Men's Breakfast Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Church News

February Food Drive for CrossNet Food Pantry: Gather food items during February and bring to church on the first Sunday of March. Needs: canned corn, ketchup, crackers, pasta sauce, laundry detergent, paper towels, facial tissues, items for "Buddy Bags" (individual food bags given to school children): **Single sized**: mac & cheese cups, snacks (pretzels, crackers, chips, popcorn, etc), Chef Boyardeen cups. Contact Lois Zimmerman if you need the food picked up at your house: 717/354-9129.

Community News

Ain't Gonna Study War No More: An evening with Osheta Moore: Thursday, March 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Lancaster Mennonite School. Focusing on belovedness and our call as peacemakers, this evening will examine ways we've been formed to think of racial justice work as what we're against when a better way is to think of what we are for: shalom and God's dream of restoration. Free tickets available at tinyurl.com/y4fw578v

EMU Chamber Singers PA Tour: The Eastern Mennonite University Chamber Singers will be on tour in Pennsylvania in early March. You are invited to join for a 7 p.m. concert on **March 4**, Landisville Mennonite or **March 5** at Akron Mennonite.

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About Ash Wednesday through Easter

The origins of Lent were that one was to leave their old life behind to fast and prepare to be baptized into a new way of living. In essence, this was a practice of stepping away from corrupt power, scarcity mentality, and empty rituals in order to live a more expansive and full life of faith. And so, our Lenten theme, "Full to the Brim", is an invitation—into a radically different Lent, into a full life. It's an invitation to be authentically who you are, to counter scarcity and injustice at every turn, to pour out even more grace wherever it is needed. When we allow ourselves to be filled to the brim with God's lavish love, that love spills over. It reaches beyond ourselves; like water, it rushes and flows, touching everything in its path.

Devotional: Please let Pastor Dawn know by February 13 if you would like to have a printed copy of the devotional.

Ash Wednesday, March 2 Full to the Brim: With all that you are

As we begin our Lenten journey, we're invited to come fully as we are. The prophet Joel proclaims, "return to God with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning" (Joel 2:12). Your brokenness, joy, gifts, and doubts all belong to God. God wants you, authentically. God wants you, stripped down and vulnerable. You are enough. Come as you are, with all that you are.

Everence Sharing Fund: Provided \$3000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Ruth Carrasco serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

Stewardship University: Saturday, March 5. A ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. In one of the worships, Janelle Glick of Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health will consider vitamin-rich nutrition and how to create a vitamin-rich diet with approaches like prioritizing local, inseason produce. Apply for early registration for Stewardship University at StewardshipUniversity.com by February 7 for a \$5 discount, and receive an additional \$5 discount if you register on-line. The workshops and agenda are on-line or you may request a brochure from Ruth Carrasco at 717-381-6668. Register: stewardshipunivserity.com or contact Lynette Morales, 717/394-0769, lynette.morales@everence.com.

Alive with 55 & Up: Ridgeview Mennonite Church, March 8, 10 a.m. Sharing Space...the Ridgeview/Branch story. Audrey Kanagy (Ridgeview Mennonite) and Dave Smucker (Branch Community) will share how God brought together a congregation who had space to share with those who needed space, and the fruitful relationship that has grown since 2018. A meal follows the program.

Hesston's Bel Canto to perform at Ridgeview Mennonite Church: Monday evening, March 14. The concert begins at 7pm.