

WELCOME TO LIMA MENNONITE CHURCH

Pastor Emily Hedrick 29 September 2019
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Prelude
Announcements
Orientation
Call to Worship insert
Based on Psalm 149
Singing
Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah HWB 50
In Christ there is no East or West with Shout to the North
Reading *Psalm 25*
from Psalms for Praying by Nancy Merrill
Prayers of Orientation (Praise)
With Praise I will praise you Lord HWB 76
Passing the Peace
Disorientation
Reading *Psalm 51 first part*
from Psalms for Praying by Nancy Merrill
Singing
Create in me a clean heart STJ 62
Confession
taken from *Iona Community morning worship*

All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world. May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

Holy God, Maker of all **Have mercy on us.**
Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor **Have mercy on us.**
Holy Spirit, Breath of life **Have mercy on us.**
Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.
Silence

Words of Assurance *Psalm 51 second part*

Prayers of Disorientation (Supplication)
Through our fragmentary prayers HWB 347

Reorientation
Reading
Mindful - Mary Oliver
Singing
All this pain

Prayers of Reorientation (Gratitude)

Singing
Sometimes by step
Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Litany of Commissioning and Sending insert
Singing
You shall go out with joy HWB 427

Benediction

*Please keep the music sheets, there is a folder on the trolley for non

Call to Worship

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song
of praise in the assembly of the faithful.
Let Israel be glad in their maker,
let the children of Zion rejoice in their king.

People: The Lord takes delight in his people.

Leader: Let them praise his name in the festive dance,
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
For the LORD loves his people,
and he adorns the lowly with victory.

People: The Lord takes delight in his people.

Leader: Let the faithful exult in glory;
let them sing for joy upon their couches;
Let the high praises of God be in their throats.
This is the glory of all his faithful. Alleluia.

People: The Lord takes delight in his people.

A Litany of Commissioning for Sabbath and Service

L God has declared a time of rest for God's children and for all creation. Lima Mennonite Church seeks to honor this Biblical concept by providing for you, Emily Hedrick, a period of Sabbatical. *Rest, renewal and study are essential elements for successful ministry and for a fruitful life of service to Christ.*

C: Emily, we have been blessed by your many gifts for ministry. Our call for your continued ministry among us is strong. We commission you for this Sabbatical so that your spirit might be renewed and strengthened.

L: We also commission you knowing that our own community of faith will be strengthened as you return to us renewed and rested.

C: We grant you the freedom to disengage from the many people, projects and activities for which we know you care deeply. We release you from pastoral duties and responsibilities during this time of Sabbatical.

(Pastor's Response)

L: God has blessed our congregation with many strong leaders and faithful workers who will carry out the essential aspects of ministry during Emily's absence. Lydia, Brian, Dawn, Carolyn, Joyce, Eric, Larry Oatman, we affirm your pastoral gifts and call you to serve these 3 months.

All: For the ministries taking form within us and for all the callings yet to be, we praise your name, O Lord! Amen.

Oh God you are my God
And I will ever praise you x2

I will seek you in the morning
And I will learn to walk in your ways
And step by step you'll lead me
And I will follow you all of my days

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - LIMA AREA - NEWS AND NEEDS
News: The new home, currently being built in Elida (207 W. North Street), is fully enclosed and is starting to see detailed inside work being completed.

Needs: 1. Regular volunteers at the ReStore or even volunteer groups to come in for a day. 2. Funds for the current build - every \$62 buys a square foot of the house. 3. Meals for either construction or ReStore volunteers. 4. Affiliate sustaining/ongoing donations of \$10 a month (No Place Like Home Club).

Please contact us to help or donate: (phone) 419-222-4937

MENNONITE MISSION PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for the ministry of Mennonite Mission Network's newly launched Sent Network that equips peace church planters to be mission workers in the context of the United States.

Announcements

Pastors spend most of their time creating space for other people's spirituality and relationships with God to flourish. It is easy in the midst of caring for others to forget to tend to one's own spiritual life. This is often why pastors experience burnout and make questionable choices in long-term ministry.

Sabbaticals are a way for pastors to refresh and renew so that they can stay longer in their positions and function in a healthier way. The more we study burnout rates of pastors, the more we know that sabbaticals are a necessary part of healthy pastoral ministry. A ministry sabbatical is not an extended vacation nor is it an academic sabbatical that normally involves extensive study. A ministry sabbatical is a release from the routine of the pastoral call in order to replenish the physical, emotional, spiritual, and intellectual well-being of the ministry leader. We can expect our pastor to return from sabbatical with a fresh outlook on her faith and with renewed energy to perform her job.

Emily will be taking time for reading and writing to strengthen her pastoral presence and sermons. She will also be participating in two courses: a mindfulness based stress reduction course, and a Mediation Skills for Conflict Transformation course. Most importantly she will be taking a break from her role as pastor. Emily will not be a pastor from October -December. She will not be able to provide pastoral care, she will not know what is going on at church. If you see her in the grocery store, it's fine to say hello, but she is still not a pastor in that moment.

Pastor Emily will be back in January and is committed to staying with us at least a year after the sabbatical so that we can all benefit from her renewed energy and ideas.

We have divvied up tasks for the next 3 months that need attending to. If you are in need of pastoral care, please see Lydia Brennehan (419) 305-9989, Carolyn Huffman (419)-384-3316, Brian Good (419)-296-8471, or Dawn Wapperom (614) 917-7090.

If you have ideas or questions about worship, Eric will be creating the order of worship, and Joyce will be selecting music, both in conversation with the various speakers we already have lined up and with the assistance of Larry Oatman.

If our church is in need of funeral or wedding services, Pastor Paula Snyder Belousek has agreed to step in during this 3 month time.

Emily's last day of service before sabbatical will be Monday, September 30. You are welcome to ask her questions and schedule appointments that day. After that, she will not be on her email or phone and will be completely unreachable.

If you need to speak to Pastor Emily, she may be contacted at any time in case of an emergency. For non emergency matters, to make an appointment, please contact her by phone or email, Monday - Thursday, from 9 -4 pm. Friday is her Sabbath.
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Sunday School 9:30 am · Worship 10:30 am · Spanish service 4:00 pm
Speaker: Pastor Emily Hedrick Music: Joyce Daniels and Jon Zickafoose
Worship Leader: Eric Basinger Next Week: Emily Hedrick /
Offering Last Week - Sunday School 13.30 - Regular church 409.00 - Total \$422.30

CALENDAR

Today Brazo en Brazo church service 4pm
Sat Oct 5 Game Night LMC @ 5pm
Oct-Dec Pastoral Sabbatical
Sun Dec.8 Messiah @ Yoder Recital Hall at 4 pm
Jan 17-18 The Great Winter Warm-up comforter knotting Salem Menno Kidron
mcc.org/gww-kidron

LMC'S ORGANIZATION

Administrative Council
Brice Brenneman , chair
George Hostetler, treasurer
Carolyn Huffman
Jon Zickafoose
Deb Stauffer/Jenny Zickafoose

Spiritual Council

Lydia Brenneman
Carolyn Huffman
Brian Good
Dawn Wapperom

Trustees

Jon Zickafoose
Paul Allen
Larry Esmonde

Fellowship Commission

Iris Neufeld

Childcare board

Marti Wallace
Jenny Zickafoose
Nashley Smith
Deb Stauffer

Mission Commission

Brice Brenneman
Nate Daniels
Emilie Hamman

Worship Committee:

Joyce Daniels
Eric Basinger
Larry Oatman

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

9-29 George Hostetler
10-3 Mary Hofstetter
10-6 Gerielys Diaz
10-8 Eric Basinger
10-8 Jen Zickafoose
10-9 Larry Oatman
10-14 Michelle Thomas
10-25 Brian Good

10 Create in me
a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.
11 Cast me not away
from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit
from me.