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## March 6, 2022

Issue 10

9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 10:30 a.m. Worship (in-person and via Zoom)

## First Sunday of Lent

Prelude - Martha Laub

Welcome and Announcements - Carleen Layman

Music for Reflection: "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

Call to Worship and Prayer

Congregational Singing - Ashley Showalter, Marie Showalter (Martha Laub)

Prayer for El Salvador Churches - Denise Goertzen

Offering (includes coin offerings for missions)

Children's Time - Kevin Goertzen, Flora Martinez

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Message: "Seeking God's Ways" - Kevin Goertzen

"Fasting and Feasting" - Pam McKay Allen, Kevin Goertzen, Ben Stoll, Tara Wall

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Sharing in Communion

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

**Sending Song** 

Benediction

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The "Striving for Faithful Responses" gatherings (planned by Spiritual Health Council) will continue this Wed., Mar. 9, 6:45 - 8:15 p.m.

## TODAY / THIS WEEK

Wed. 6:45 p.m.: "Striving for Faithful Responses" Gathering

Thurs. 7:15 a.m.: Morning Prayers

7:00 p.m.: Congregational Council Meeting

## NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

March 14-20: Providing Food for WARM Participants

**Mar. 15:** Evening Prayers (7 p.m.)

**Mar. 19:** Brunswick Stew Fundraiser for Sanchez Ministry (Cheese Shop)

Mar. 22: Serving Lunch at Disciples' Kitchen (11:30 a.m.)

April 14: Maundy Thursday Meal / Service (p.m.)

**April 17:** Easter Sunday (donuts/coffee/juice at 10 a.m.; outdoor Worship Celebration at 10:30)

May 15: EMHS Touring Choir at Springdale (a.m.)

July 8-10: Church Day Out Weekend at Highland Retreat

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**During Lent,** you may use the <u>line drawings on our bulletin covers</u> as a tool for personal reflection each week. Suggestions include: 1) Turn on instrumental music & read one or more of the scriptures (below);

- 2) Color the page as you meditate on how God may be speaking to you through the text, using the reflection question (below) to go deeper; and
- 3) Journal your responses to the reflection question (or any other offerings that have come to your attention) and present these to God as your Lenten practice of seeking God's ways in your current situation. Consider doing this with one or two others & sharing your thoughts & insights at the end of a quiet time of reflection. Please also consider returning your colored bulletin to church & pinning it to the display in the entry-way, as a way to inspire & encourage one another. Feel free to take an extra bulletin to keep for reference to announcements, etc.
- Texts for Lent 1: Deut. 26:1-11; Ps. 91:1-2; Lk. 4:1-13;
- Reflection Question: What are you holding on to tightly that can now be released, freeing you to be generous?

**Please pray** for Norm Raiford (herniated disk; treatment options are being investigated); Lou Sinclair (finally improving after being laid up for a number of weeks with pain / weakness in her legs); Louise Swartz (cataract surgery this Tues.); and Carol Wenger (back surgery this Fri.).

**Wearing masks** is still **encouraged** as we gather together for worship, but is now **optional**. (*Continued mask use is requested for children's / youth Sunday School classes*.) If you choose to be unmasked while in the building: 1) Please respect the space of those who are masked; and 2) Do not interact with children without parental approval, as children under age 5 have not had the opportunity to be vaccinated.

**Springdale calendars** for March are available in the literature rack.

Don't forget the **Brunswick Stew fundraiser** on Sat., March 19, at the Cheese Shop, for the ministry of Armando & Veronica Sanchez! The stew, made by Ronnie & Gene Grove, normally comes off the kettles around 10:30 a.m.

Invitation cards for **Easter Sunday** are available on the table in the foyer. Please invite friends, family members, and/or neighbors to join us for donuts and drinks at 10 a.m., and outdoor worship at 10:30 on Easter Sunday, April 17.

Congregational Council has nominated Mark Hochstedler **to serve as Springdale's delegate** to Mennonite Church USA's delegate assembly in Kansas City in May. Please direct any concerns or affirmations about this nomination to Kevin Goertzen <u>today</u>.

Mark your calendars for **Church Day Out weekend** at Highland Retreat this summer, <u>July 8-10!</u> Plan to participate in this weekend of worship, fellowship & enjoying God's beautiful creation.

We have received a 2021 report from the Stuarts Draft Clothes Closet (posted on the bulletin board). If you have **clothing or financial donations** you would like to make to this ministry, please contact Brenda Nice at 337-0486. Thanks!

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry is in need of a man who can read & write in Spanish who would be willing to correspond with several Hispanic inmates. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Stoll.

Thanks to the generosity of those who participated in Operation Christmas Child in 2021, Christmas shoeboxes are ministering God's love & the Gospel message to **10,505,155 children** all over the world!

**Mennonite Men** has several upcoming events planned and digital resources available. If you would like to learn more, please visit mennonitemen.org.