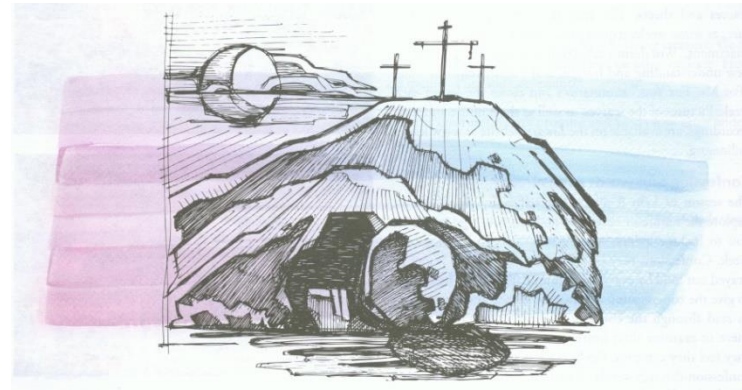


Prayers and Praises

Mennonite Mission Network Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of Mennonite Mission Network serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

VMMissions: Lift up a VMMissions family, currently in the U.S. on home assignment, as they continue to reflect and follow God's leading while equipping themselves before being sent back to South Asia where they serve.

Pray for the local services for people in need: Love Inc., Shelter for Help in Emergency, Food Bank, Salvation Army, IMPACT – a justice ministry and PACEM- the initiative for the homeless.



Lent 5: The courage to covenant March 18, 2018

Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship

One: The days are surely coming, says the Lord,
when I will make a new covenant...

All: It will not be like the old covenant: written on stone.

One: This will be a radically new covenant,

All: my laws will be within you: written on hearts.

One: And God continued with these words—

I am your God and you are my people.

**All: Imprint these words anew on our hearts, O God,
so that we may know you in all your fullness,**

love you as you love us, and worship you as you yearn for.

One: Let us worship God.

Opening prayer

Hymns	We praise thee, O God	HWB 99
	Savior, like a shepherd lead us	HWB 355
	Come, gracious Spirit	HWB 303

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Confession

Hymn	The love of God	STJ 44
Scripture	Jeremiah 31:31-34	



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Sermon A God of Second Chances
Hymn Teach me thy truth HWB 548

Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn We will follow STS 40

Benediction

Today Sermon: Janet Blosser, VMM

Anyone interested in further conversation with Janet Blosser is welcome to join us for lunch immediately following the worship service.

This week

Tues Men's breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7:00 am

Weds Women's book study: "Waking up white" 7:00pm

Upcoming Events

Mar 29 Maundy Thursday supper, communion & footwashing

Mar 30 Good Friday Service

April 1 Easter Breakfast 9:00 am

Apr 3 Men's breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7:00 am

Apr 4 Women's book study: "Waking up white" 7:00 pm

Apr 11 Ad council

Apr 29 Annual Business meeting and fellowship meal

May 18-20, 2018 Annual church retreat

Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Wednesday evening 8:00 pm to Becky. Please include the word "bulletin" in the subject line of the heading.

Sunday School Information:

We have two adult Sunday School classes that meet at 9:30 in the sanctuary. One is a general discussion group that follows the lectionary and meets in an open space in the front of the sanctuary. The other is usually a book discussion group and meets inside the curtained space in the back of the sanctuary (guests are welcome to attend even if they have not been reading the book). Children's Sunday School classes (preschool through high school) meet at 9:30 in the upstairs classrooms

IMPACT dates to note: THE NEHEMIAH ACTION will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 in the Martin Luther King Performing Arts Center at Charlottesville High School. This is when members of the 27 faith communities meet with elected officials, or with persons in position to make change, to present the facts regarding the need for more affordable housing in Charlottesville and Albemarle County. Concrete solutions will be proposed and IMPACT will be seeking commitments from the officials. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Questions? Please see Dottie Scott.

The **women's book study** is meeting bi-weekly on Wednesday evenings reading "Waking up white" by Debbie Irving at 7 pm. For March 21 please read the third chapter "Midlife wakeup calls" pages 61-92.

Undoing Racism - upcoming events in Charlottesville:

Check out the Cville2Jamestown website for upcoming events and resources: <https://cville2jtown.weebly.com/>