

Prayers and Praises

Mennonite Mission Network Last month, soon after Deb Byler began a Mennonite Mission Network assignment in Guatemala, she had a medical emergency that necessitated surgery in Chicago. Pray for health and energy for Deb as she prepares to return to work with women's leadership development in the Kekchi Mennonite Church.

VMMissions: Raleigh and Opal* are ending their official language training in North Africa. Pray for them as both have very positive relationships with their teachers. Pray for their family as they make adjustments to their schedules. (*pseudonyms)

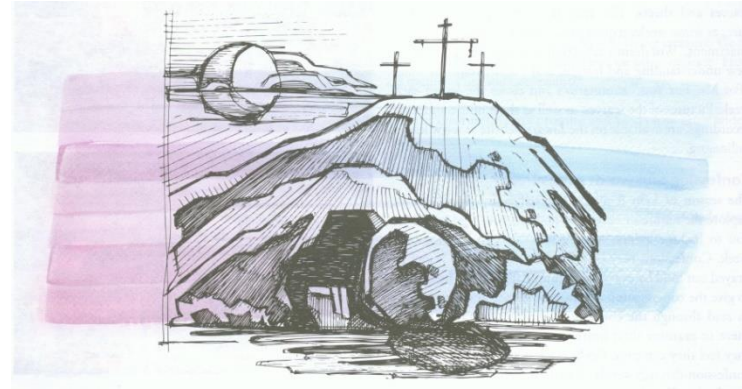
Pray for the local services for people in need: Love Inc., Shelter for Help in Emergency, Food Bank, Salvation Army, IMPACT – a justice ministry and PACEM- the initiative for the homeless.

Focus statement: *The crowds, as informed by Scriptural teaching, have certain expectations of the coming Messiah that come between their understanding and Jesus' lived experience, which defies their expectations. What does our reading of Scripture lead us to believe, and how might our encounters with Jesus challenge our expectations?*



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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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Palm Sunday: The courage to covenant March 25, 2018

Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, people of God, this is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day Jesus enters Jerusalem.

**People: Open the gates of righteousness
so that we can enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: The gates are open, come on in.

Give thanks, for God is good!

Opening prayer

Hymns Hosanna, Loud Hosanna HWB 238

 All Glory, Laud, And Honor HWB 237

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Hymn Hosanna! Hosanna! STS 74

Confession

Scripture Psalm 118:1-2,19-29; John 12:12-16

Sermon

Hymn Create In Me A Clean Heart STS 62

Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn The Lord Bless You And Keep You STJ 76

Benediction

Today

Sermon: Roy Hange

This Week

Mon	Board of Elders	7:15 pm
Weds	Women's book study: "Waking up white"	7 pm
Thurs	Maundy Thursday supper, communion and footwashing (optional)	6 pm
Fri	Good Friday Service	7 pm
Sun	Easter Breakfast	9 am

Upcoming Events

Apr 3	Men's breakfast at Bodo's on Preston	7 am
Apr 8	Communion Service	
Apr 11	Administrative council	7 pm
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.

Thank you Becky! Becky has been doing the bulletin for over 10 years and is ready for a change. Is there anyone willing to take on the task of putting together the weekly bulletin? Please contact Maren.

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.

The **Roy Hange 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.

Strengthen your connection between Christian spirituality and social change. Explore Christian spiritual formation practices to nurture and sustain community leadership, engaged ministry, and social activism. For more information about "Christian Spirituality and Social action" and other courses at the 2018 Summer Peacebuilding Institute this May and June, visit our website at emu.edu/spi and click the course link.

Lady Latte needs summer time volunteers! A couple is needed to come to the beautiful rural town of Istog, Kosovo, from May 15 - September 1 (flexible) to give temporary oversight to a recently opened coffee shop just for women! Responsibilities include baking American treats for the shop, simple daily bookkeeping, and connecting with three local employees who are operating the business. These roles have flexibility and do not require you to speak Albanian (the language of Kosovo). For more information, contact martin.rhodes@vmmissions.org