

Welcome to

Rochester Mennonite Church

February 19, 2017

Sunday Morning Worship

9:10 AM

Kurt Kennel, Worship Leader

David Brunner, Song Leader

Rev. Galen Penner, Pastor

GATHERING AND PRAISING

Words of Welcome

Hymn

Sing with all the saints in glory

#92 (STS)

Gathering

Invocation

(bulletin cover)

Hymn

Praise, I will praise you, Lord

#76 (HWB)

Hymn

Thou true Vine, that heals

#373 (HWB)

SHARING AND PRAYING

Joys, Concerns and Announcements

Prayer Hymn

Lord, listen to your children praying

#353 (HWB)

The Prayers of the People

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

James 5:13-20

Sermon

Faith Matters

"If any of you are suffering, they should pray. If any of you are happy, they should sing. If any of you are sick, they should call for the elders of the church, and the elders should pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. Prayer that comes from faith will heal the sick, for the Lord will restore them to health. And if they have sinned, they will be forgiven." (James 5:13-15)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Hymn

Healer of our every ill

#377 (HWB)

Offering Ourselves and our Gifts to God

The Offering Hymn

*Take my life
(vv. 1 & 6)*

#389 (HWB)

The Offering Prayer

Hymn

Go, my friends in grace

#57 (STS)

BLESSING AND SENDING

Benediction

Doxology

Praise God from whom

#119 (HWB)

The Rochester Mennonite Church is a congregation that welcomes people to join our community of faith so that they may grow in their personal understanding and relationship with God. Members and guests are appreciatively welcomed to this service of worship.

Announcements

If you have announcements to be included in the bulletin, please get them to Galen, preferably with the exact wording you wish to use, not later than Thursday morning. Also please indicate how long you wish to have the announcements included in the bulletin.

The sign-up sheet for being a worship leader, song leader, and doing the children's story for the next several months is available. Please sign up as you feel led.

Responsibilities for Next Sunday (February 26):

- Set-up –
- Worship Leader –
- Song Leader –
- Children's Story –
- Adult Sunday School –

The Church Council will meet on March 2 at 10 a.m. at Lois Kennel's home.

This week, give thanks for the joyful journey we share in Central Plains Mennonite Conference, covenanted together, seeking to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus.

Webinar: Migration and Pentecost: Thursday, March 16, 2–3:30 p.m. EDT. Join us in an interactive webinar to discuss these major challenges facing the contemporary church. Facilitator **Greg Boyd**, a scholar, author, pastor and leading Neo-Anabaptist, will engage **Safwat Marzouk**, Ph.D., AMBS associate professor of Old Testament, and **Jamie Pitts**, Ph.D., AMBS assistant professor of Anabaptist studies, on this topic. This is the first of a series of three webinars that Boyd will lead. Cost: \$20 by noon on March 15; \$30 after.

The Trail of Death: A Pilgrimage of Remembrance, Lament, and Transformation: June 1–9, 2017. A summer course of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. This nine-day pilgrimage traces the route of the 1838 forced removal of Potawatomi people by the U.S. military from their ancestral homeland in northern Indiana to present-day Osawatomie, Kansas. Pilgrims will remember the history of this expulsion through reading journals from the removal, prayerfully walking a few miles of the route each day and meeting with descendants of those who were deported. Pilgrims will examine what it means to inhabit lands from which others were expelled, what priorities and theologies fueled that expulsion and what it means to seek God's *shalom* in our moment and place in time. Leaders: **Katerina Friesen**, adjunct professor; **George Godfrey** (Citizen Potawatomi Nation), president of the Potawatomi Trail of Death Association; and **Rich Meyer**, historian and educator. This course can be taken for credit or audit.

Book release celebration: *Recollections of a Sectarian Realist: A Mennonite Life in the Twentieth Century*: Tuesday, March 7, 9:30–10:30 a.m., Waltner Hall, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. This memoir of **J. Lawrence Burkholder**, edited by Myrna Burkholder and published by the Institute of Mennonite Studies (IMS), traces the development of Burkholder's thought as it intersected with the events of his life — from a Mennonite upbringing in a small Pennsylvania town, through an upstate-New York pastorate, relief work in India and China, graduate study at Princeton, teaching at Goshen College and Harvard Divinity School, civil rights activism, and the presidency of Goshen College.

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(The Rochester Mennonite Church meets in the chapel of Christ United Methodist Church, located at 5th Avenue and 4th Street SW. The chapel is located in the northeast corner of the building.)

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