

EASTER

Paoli Mennonite Fellowship

April 1, 2018

Behold the Lamb of God!



GATHERING to WORSHIP

Gathering Songs: That Easter morn at break of day – SS 88
Christ has arisen – H 267
Alleluia He is coming

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements & sharing

Call to Worship – Revelation 5: 11-13 – Vision of the glory of God and of the Lamb

Leader: Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne ...
they numbered myriads and myriads and thousands of thousands,
singing with full voice.

*Men: "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his."*

*Women: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all Creation.
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever.
Amen.*

ALL: For the lamb who was slain has begun his Reign! Alleluia!

PRAISING

Low in the grave He lay – H 273

Affirmation of Faith – "I Believe"

I know that my Redeemer lives – H 273
He is alive (special music)
Christ the Lord is risen today – H 280

Celebrating Shalom – Kym Kinsey

Opportunities for Generosity – Special giving for April goes to
Habitat for Humanity.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's time - John 20: 1-18
Meditation

COMMUNION

You are holy, You are whole – SS 34
O how good is Christ the Lord – SS 90
Lift your glad voices – H 275

SENDING: "It is finished ..." The lie is over. The Truth was handed
on to history. And the kingdom of this world is become the
kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. Halleluiah!

I Believe

I believe in God,
who is love
and who has given the earth
to all people.
I believe in Jesus Christ,
who came to heal us,
and to free us
from all forms of oppression.
I believe in the Spirit of God
who works in and through all
who have turned towards the truth
I believe in the community of faith
which is called to be
at the service of all people.
I believe in God's promise
to finally destroy
the power of sin in us all,
and to establish the kingdom
of justice and peace
to all humankind.

*-An Indonesian creed,
Christian Conference of Asia*

(Nursery: Doris Weaver & Joanna Woodsmall)

TODAY

For Jesus' friends, his death and the stone in front of the tomb created solid barriers between them and Jesus. But on Easter morning, God dealt decisively and overcame both those barriers. The way was made open for a new covenant relationship with God!

NEXT SUNDAY

Read John 20: 19-31 in preparation. In what ways is this resurrection story also a story about change or transition? What stands out to you about Jesus' interaction with Thomas? Doug Luginbill, conference minister for Central District Conference, will bring the meditation.

Everyone is encouraged to stay for a **pitch-in lunch!** Then please stay and take part in conversation regarding the transition time PMF is entering. Doug L will offer input, outline some options for us to consider, and answer questions. We will not make decisions at this meeting, but our conversation and your input will assist PET in determining next steps in our process.

THIS WEEK

Tues 3rd, 1:00 pm - Gift Discernment comm.

Fri. 6th, 12:30 pm - Circle of Care coordinators mtg.

UPCOMING

April 11 - **ELF Night**

April 13, 9:00 am - **Sister Care** "pitch-in" breakfast for any PMF women. Please RSVP to Debby or Patsy Heinz or Rebecca.

Prayers

Continue to pray for friends and neighbors who are experiencing health concerns, including Ted's brother Bill, Joanna's father, Eumenio, and others.

Give thanks to God that we can celebrate the Good News of Easter with Christian brothers and sisters around the world. Pray that in all places we will offer a witness to Christ's life and reconciliation so that we participate in God's work of bringing healing, peace and hope to all.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please note new address and phone numbers for Veronika, John and Adam: 1220 Indiana Ave. French Lick, IN 47432. Home: 812-936-2671, cell: 812-296-7585.

IN-MI Conference Annual Session will be held in Indianapolis, June 14-16.

Desserts needed: please let Mary Beth know if you can make a cake for the **Backpacks of Blessings Barbecue** on Saturday, April 7th. These cakes will be the dessert portion of the dinner. We need an extra 41 servings to be ready for the 500 people we expect! And, Mary Beth and Stori have tickets (\$10.00).

New in the magazine rack: April issue of *the Mennonite*, featuring articles on "technology & faith". Mennonite Disaster Service "*Behind the Hammer*" reports on projects from 2017.

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"Easter Sunday"

Worship Leader: Mary Mininger
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Rebecca Kauffman
Greeters: Luke & Donna Moseman
AV: Andrew Blount

NEXT SUNDAY

April 8, 2018

Resurrection Stories

Worship Leader: Rebecca Kauffman
Music Leader: Marlene Beachy
Meditation: Doug Luginbill
Greeters: Louise O'Connell
Nursery: Cristy Ford &
Dessica Albertson
AV: Espri Bender- Beauregard