

Conestoga Mennonite Church

Our Living  **STORY MISSION:**
Joyfully Living Christ's Story to Benefit Others

May 3, 2020

Number 18

Easter - Pentecost 2020 : "So...What Matters?"

Home Worship Resource

2020 Theme: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are already doing." 1 Thes 5:11

Opening Welcome	Pastor Bob
Worship in Song	Team led by Krista Petersheim
Children's Connection	Matt & Rebecca Beam Family
CMC Updates	
Our Living HiStory Prayer	Elder Austin Unruh
Message: "Core Gospel Encounters"	John 20:10-31
Response Hymn	Quartet
Benediction	
CMC Greetings	Coordinated by Cheryl Heineman

Next Week, Web On-Line Service: Pastor Bob will share
"Core Gospel Reconciliations"
from John 21:15-19

Conestoga Notes

Our Preparation for when restrictions lift allowing us to safely return to worship together include:

- *Postponing* elective SS so classes will be in smaller groups
- *Spraying* to sanitize all surfaces before and after each facility use
- *Opening* partitions so worshippers have option to spread out
- *Taping off* every other bench to foster distance
- *Propping open doors* so movement doesn't require touch
- *On-line or offering box* in lobby to eliminate passing baskets
- *Encouraging* anyone to remain home if showing symptoms

We will give **clear instructions prior** to our first service regarding:

- Whether the nursery will be open and staffed with volunteers
- Whether wearing of masks inside will be expected or enforced

We invite your counsel and prayers for best practices wisdom!

Twin Valley "Hero" Masks: We invite sewing of face masks to drop off at our office, 9 AM-3 PM, Tues-Friday in response to Wellspan's appeal to MDS. Pattern link is on our web page.

MCC: 'My Coins Count' has been extended to help provide much needed support for Mennonite Central Committee. Any contribution will be doubled through matching funds by an MCC donor. Designated gifts can be mailed to our office or you can donate online at <https://pareliefale.org/donate> where you will be asked to reference 'My Coins Count' and Conestoga Mennonite Church.

Due to changing qualifiers and the strong support of members we have withdrawn our **CARES ACT application**. Questions are welcome to Finance Committee.

Prayer

Praise God pantry volunteers came into our facility in small groups the past weeks such that we were able to efficiently and safely provide **63 households with quality product** in Tues evenings drive-thru distribution. Pray recipients would sense God's generosity through this ministry!

Praise God our **CMC family remains remarkably healthy!** Remember; however, those around the globe sick and dying from Covid-19. Pray for wisdom for global leaders and protection for first responders and medical and retirement home workers.

We are grateful our weekly offering reveals more of us are now **supporting our mission and ministries** through on-line web giving or by mailing to our office. Praise God for multiple opportunities to be His witnesses in word and deed!

Today we highlight our mission support of **Hinkletown Mennonite School** through budget and grants to CMC students attending. Pray their ongoing adaptations to accommodate Covid-19 would be manageable to teachers, students and parents!

~April 26, 2020 Reports~

General Offering: \$2,976.00

Designated Offering: Homes for Christ - \$50

Our Ministers: Every Member

Pastoral Team:

Pastor Bob, Chair
Nelson Beam, Elder, Vice Chair
Bob Horning, Elder
David Heineman, Elder
Jerry Petersheim, Elder
Sonya Stoltzfus, Preaching Elder
Austin Unruh, Preaching Elder
Ruth Miller, Deacon Elder
Rachel Mast, Youth Pastor

Ministry Council:

Pastor Bob, Chair
Dir. of Chr. Ed.: Lois Ann Mast
Dir. of Fellowship: Tina Essick
Dir. of Mission: Justin Kolb
Dir. of Stewardship: Lyle Essick
Dir. of Worship: Kristy Unruh

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The State of Calm

by Jill Waters

There is no place you need to remain that is confusing or chaotic.

There is no person or situation that can keep you in confusion or chaos.

Do one thing at a time. Focus only on what you can do.

Do your best. Let it go. And leave the rest to God.

Do not worry about the outcomes.

Know that there are always options you can choose for any situation.

Crisis with calm? Yes!

Face it. Consider proper response and action.

Be flexible and strong.

*"I stand silently before the Lord and wait for Him.
Why then should I be tense with fear? He is my rock and stronghold.
I shall not be shaken. I will trust in Him at all times." Psalm 62.*

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