



The Messenger

CARLOCK
MENNONITE
CHURCH

*Serving Christ
and
Community*

A CHRISTIAN CHURCH
IN THE
MENNONITE TRADITION

*Celebrating
the Ministry
of All Christians*

WORSHIP 10:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Steve Schwoerer
- 7 Heather Waller
- 8 Carrie Schwoerer
- 9 Gary & Nancy Keith (A)
- 15 Karen Arnold
- 15 Doane Brubaker
- 21 Tom Floyd
- 21 Annie Schwoerer
- 24 Reilly Atkinson
- 27 Sheri Floyd
- 27 Mitch Mohr
- 28 Wayne Miller
- 31 Wayne & Betty Miller (A)

January Calendar

Wednesday, Jan. 2
Board meets, 7 pm

Sunday, Jan. 6
Hospitality Time
Holy Communion
Morning Worship

Wednesday, Jan. 9
Choir Practice, 7 pm

Thursday, Jan. 10
MW meets, 6:30 pm

Sunday, Jan. 13
Morning Worship

Jan. 18-20 AWW youth to
Camp MennoHaven

Sunday, Jan. 20
Morning Worship
Annual Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 22
Bible Study, 7 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 23
Choir Practice, 7 pm

Sunday, Jan. 27
Morning Worship
AWW Activity

FOR JANUARY 2019.....

Food Pantry Item: Toilet Paper

Hospitality Committee: Brenda Dozier, Barb Karr,
Jan Reimer, Kathy Schwoerer

Sunday School Teachers:

Preschool—Julie Greenburg

Early Elementary—Annie Schwoerer

High School—Lee Holtz

Sunday School Nursery: Jan. 6 Carol Hoffman,
Jan. 13 TBD, Jan. 20 Barb Karr,
Jan. 27 Elyse McRee

Bible Study

Bible Study will resume on January 22, meeting every other Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Our focus is Spiritual Pathways; finding your best trail to fellowship with God.

Lost and Found

Are you missing a stone from a piece of jewelry, likely worn to church on Sunday, December 23? Check with Doane about one found in the sanctuary.

From Pastor Doane's desk....

"We rejoice and delight in you" (Song of Solomon 1:4, NIV)

We will not enter the gates of the year to the somber sound of the dirge, but to the sweet strains of glad carols and anthems of rejoicing. We who adore the author of joy will defy despair and sadness with delight and gladness.

Eternal Spirit, our Comforter, we who are the temples in which you reside, will never quit exalting the name of Jesus. We are resolved He must have the crown of our heart's delight.

We are chosen to be minstrels of the heavens. So, let us rehearse our sacred anthem before we sing it in the halls of the New Jerusalem.

We will be glad and rejoice: two words with one sense, double joy, recurring delight, blessing upon blessing. Need there be any limit to our rejoicing in the Lord even now? What unending streams of happiness flow from Him!

O gracious Lord Jesus, favor us this year with such sense of your magnificence, that from its first to its last day we may be glad and rejoice in you. Let January open with joy in the Lord, and December close with delight in Jesus.

What you just read is my paraphrase of a New Year's Day meditation by Charles H. Spurgeon, one of the great 19th century preachers and called by many "the prince of preachers."

Encouraging God's people with news about the "Year of God's Favor", Isaiah said;

*...you will receive a double portion,
...you will rejoice in your inheritance.
...you will inherit a double portion in your land,
...and everlasting joy will be yours.*

*I delight greatly in the LORD;
my soul rejoices in my God.* (Isaiah 61:7, 10, NIV)

I wonder if Mary recalled some of Isaiah's words when she offered her song of praise. "My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior" (Luke 1:46ff).

I pray we will each offer Him our own song of praise as we launch 2019, accepting our double inheritance – delight and joy, satisfaction and gladness. May these be multiplied to you.

Doane

For a smile...

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it closely. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed between the pages.

'Momma, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?' his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered: 'I think it's Adam's suit!'

Get to know Greg Otto.....I am retired from farming after 50 years. Also, since 1965, I operated heavy equipment (IYOE Local 649) and operated and managed an asphalt plant the last 18 years retiring in 2008.

We asked Greg.....

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to golf and attend farm shows. Attending activities that my 7 grandchildren participate in would have to be my first hobby.

What is your favorite scripture verse(s)?

Proverbs 3:5-6 “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.”

John 14:6 “Jesus answered, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

II Corinthians 5:7 “For we live by faith, not by sight.”

What has been the greatest influence in your life (person or thing)?

I believe my life has been greatly influenced by being married to Karen for 50 years and having the opportunity to raise our family on the farm.

What is something we may not know about you that is unique?

With the help of my Dad, Loren, and my two sons, Ryan and Blake, we raised Angus cattle. Also, I graduated from Illinois State University in 1970 and obtained a degree in Business Administration. To supplement my income, I was a substitute teacher at Olympia High School during the winter months.

If you could talk to someone in Heaven other than Jesus, who would it be and why?

Along with my Dad, I would like to talk with my Grandpa Otto and my Grandpa Bostic. I never knew Grandpa Bostic, but have fond memories of Grandpa Otto and would ask them their solutions to today's world problems!

What are your "gifts" from God and how do you share them?

I ask God each day to give me more patience. Perhaps giving more time to my grandchildren that I might provide a good example for them would be considered my talent from God.

Board News....

Upcoming dates set for 2019:

Annual Meeting: January 20

CMC Family Night: March 24

Good Friday Service: April 19

Pentecost Sunday: June 6

Farm Committee approved to adopt 8 families within our communities (Carlock, Danvers, Congerville & Goodfield) to provide Christmas gifts.

2019 Communion Dates: January 6, April 7, Maundy Thursday, July 7, October 6



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Choir News...

“Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.” Psalm, 98:1 As we begin the journey of 2019, we do have some new songs, and a couple of old ones! I would like to thank all who participated in the evening Christmas service - Pastor Doane, Sharon, Those Guys, the Choir, and all who made it a special evening to celebrate the coming of our Lord Jesus!

Our rehearsals for the choir in January will be the 9th and the 23rd in the church at 7PM. We will be singing “Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land” by Mark Hayes, on January 27th. We have an exciting line up of songs for this spring, so if you’ve been thinking about joining choir, now is a good time! IHS, Karen

As we look to a New Year...

A Covenant Prayer

“Let me be your servant, under your command. I will no longer be my own.
I will give up myself to your will in all things. Lord, make me what you will.
I put myself fully in your hands; Put me to doing, Put me to suffering,
Let me be employed for you, Or laid aside for you.
Let me be full, Let me be empty, Let me have all things, Let me have nothing.
I, freely and with a willing heart, Give it all to your pleasure and use.”

John Wesley, 18th Century