



The Messenger

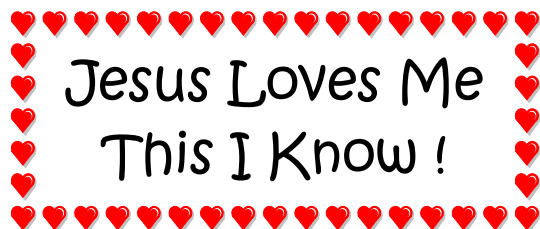
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*Serving Christ
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A CHRISTIAN CHURCH
IN THE
MENNONITE TRADITION

*Celebrating
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WORSHIP 10:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS ANNIVERSARIES

2 Nathan Moran
10 Kenzie Schwoerer
15 Duane Amberg
19 Doug Sifford
27 Suzi Waller

February Calendar

Sunday, Feb. 3 Hospitality Time Morning Worship	Thursday, Feb. 14 MW meets, 6:30 pm
Tuesday, Feb. 5 Bible Study, 7 pm	Sunday, Feb. 17 Morning Worship
Wednesday, Feb. 6 Board meets, 7 pm	Tuesday, Feb. 19 Bible Study, 7 pm
Sunday, Feb. 10 Morning Worship	Wednesday, Feb. 20 Choir Practice, 7 pm
Wednesday, Feb. 13 Choir Practice, 7 pm	Sunday, Feb. 24 Morning Worship

FOR FEBRUARY 2019.....

Food Pantry Item: Rice
Hospitality Committee: Brenda Dozier,
Julie Greenburg, Karen Otto, Jan Reimer
Sunday School Teachers:
Preschool—Kayla Myers
Early Elementary—Kathy Schwoerer
High School—Steve Schwoerer
Sunday School Nursery: Feb. 3 Carol Hoffman,
Feb. 10 Abby Pyne, Feb. 17 Barb Karr,
Feb. 24 Elyse McRee

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Local and World Mission

Budgeted for 2018 \$106,374
Anticipated giving through December \$106,374
Actual giving through December \$100,082

From Pastor Doane's desk....

We have a problem. We have an idea how to solve it, and the overall plan looks really good. But when we try to hammer out specifics we find "the devil is in the details."

The devil in the details is illustrated in the proverb:

For want of a nail, the shoe was lost;
For want of the shoe, the horse was lost;
For want of the horse, the rider was lost;
For want of the rider, the battle was lost;
For want of the battle, the kingdom was lost.
And all from the want of a horseshoe nail.

Do big outcomes really happen because the devil interfered with a small detail? Or does God's foresight and influence have something to do with everything?

Consider another example. The big outcome God has planned is the redemption of countless souls for His Kingdom. So, long ago when a Hebrew mother could no longer hide her 3-month old son from the king's agents, she made a small water-tight vessel, placed him in it and set it in the water. The king's daughter came to the riverbank, heard the child's cry, saw the tiny "ark" and rescued the boy (Exodus 2). She raised him as her own, and you know the rest of the story.

But what if one little detail had gone wrong? What if the princess came to the river too late, or too early? What if Moses was asleep and his "ark" went unnoticed? Without Moses, would there be an Exodus? Would God's Law be given to the Jews? Would prophets foretell the Messiah? Would Jesus be born and go to the cross and rise again? Would news of salvation reach you?

Certainly, God could have worked out His saving plan in any way he wanted. But, here's the point: God superintends the details of your life, and He has a good purpose.

² You know when I sit down or stand up.

You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.

³ You see me when I travel and when I rest at home.

You know everything I do.

⁴ You know what I am going to say even before I say it, LORD.

⁵ You go before me and follow me.

You place your hand of blessing on my head.

⁷ I can never escape from your Spirit!

I can never get away from your presence!

¹⁶ You saw me before I was born.

Every day of my life was recorded in your book.

Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. (Psalm 139:2-5, 7, 16, NLT)

So, take courage. R. C. Sproul wrote, "There is no 'what if?' in God. He is a God whose providence is in the details" (*The Invisible Hand*).

Pastor Doane

“Get to Know Your Church Family!”

Get to know Carrie Schwoerer.....After graduating college, I subbed in the local elementary schools until Kenzie was born. I am now a stay at home mom and work part time for Tobin's Pizza in the office.

We asked Carrie.....

Do you have any hobbies?

I like to bake and do crafty things.

What is your favorite scripture verse(s)?

Ephesians 4:1 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.

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

My dad and the AWW youth group (and it's leaders) when I was in.

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

I started raising milking goats and bottle calves for my FFA record book in high school. Instead of milking the goats by hand I let the calves nurse off the goats and then sell the calves when they are ready to be weaned. Jake and I, and my brother, continue to do this today.

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

My great grandparents because most of them had died before I really remember them.

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

I think He has helped me be creative and I am often doing craft or art projects with my kids.

Board News....

Upcoming dates set for 2019:

CMC Family Night: March 24

Good Friday Service: April 19

Pentecost Sunday: June 6

The Christmas project using farm income went well.

Trustees will be looking into repair on the outside elevator door and also take a look at possibilities in replacing electrical work in the church building.

Entertainment/Giving Opportunity...

Ted & Co presents an original comedy, *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine* – an evening of fun and fund raising for Mennonite Disaster Service. At Metamora Mennonite Church, Sunday, March 3 @ 6:00 pm. Admission; pay-what-you-can. Suggested donation \$10/person. Please come prepared to bid on auction items. All proceeds from the auction benefit the work of MDS rebuilding homes and hope for families impacted by natural disasters.

For a smile...

Man: "Honey, on this Valentine's Day, I want to tell you something... I'm not rich like Jack. I don't have a mansion like Russell. I don't have a Porsche like Martin. But I do love you and I want to marry you."

Woman: "Oh, dear, I love you too! What was that you said about Martin?"



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Choir News...

"My Jesus is a Rock in a weary land, a shelter in the time of storm." -part of the lyrics of our anthem this morning. We will be presenting "Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land", a traditional spiritual arranged by Mark Hayes.

This is an interesting song (see bulletin insert notes) and we've had a lot of fun with it! We tried it once before and it was a no go, but with the help of the piano (Thanks Sharon) we are able to sing it for you this morning.

Our February schedule includes rehearsals on the 13th and 20th and sing on the 24th. We welcome a new member, Stephanie Staulcup! Thanks for joining us Stephanie and we would welcome others at any time.

More Smiles....

Did you hear about the bed bugs who fell in love?
They're getting married in the spring!

Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef?
He'll dessert you.

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?
Because they're scent-imental creatures!