

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERNS

March 17, 2019

Teresa daughter-in-law was reinstated by her employer after a month-long suspension. She had made a mistake at work that cost the company time and money to fix. She was so afraid that they would not take her back.

Laura asked us last week to pray for Melissa, who is the daughter-in-law of a friend in a support group for Mothers who have lost children to addiction. Melissa was on life support for nine days, but is now off life support and is breathing on her own. Tuesday, the 19th, will mark the 6th month that Joe died. Laura takes each day at a time. She asks for prayers for all of Joe's family and asks they can feel God's arms around them.

James told us that Amy's dad is going to have a knee replacement surgery on Thursday. Please keep him in your prayers.

Nancy mom, Pat, will be 92 on March 27th and the family is grateful that she is doing so well. She lives at Fairlawn and is very happy there. Pat is Nancy's step-mother, but she has been "Mom" to Nancy and her siblings since Nancy was 11. Thanks be to God for Pat and for the support and love she has given to her all these years.

Joan's brother-in-law is feeling better. They found a tissue tear that was causing the bleedings. Joan's sister, however, is not doing well. Robbie's brothers are not doing well as well. One has sepsis, and the other had a heart attack. Please pray for each one of them and their families.

Rosalee is grateful for the Bible study that she attends and is lead by Pastor Joel. It has been a blessing. She has learned a lot and thanks God.

Linda prays for those in New Zealand who were killed or injured. She heard that many of the Muslim community were not surprised because they have been living in a culture of fear and hatred for some time.

Dianna added that so many get shot or hurt in Toledo. It is so sad, and we need God's intervention. She has a niece that no one has heard from since January, and prayers for her safety are appreciated.



March 24, 2017

Lent 3: Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Lent 3: Focus statement

When we become empty and weary from things that do not satisfy, God pours out life-giving drink. We turn from destruction to God's grace.

Prelude

Laura

Gathering

Worship Songs:

Linda

"Come bring your burdens to God" (SS#30)

"I let all who thirst" (HWB #495)

"Dust and Ashes" (inserted in back of Hymn Worship Book)

Ana, Emiley, Laura

Lynn

Call to worship (based on Psalm 63)

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

**People: Our souls thirst for you
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.**

Leader: We have seen you in the sanctuary,
and know your power and glory.

**People: We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.
All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings, we sing for joy, and
you uphold us.**

Welcome and Prayer

Pass the Peace

Praising

Children's Story

Scott

Offering*

Hymn: "Praise the One who breaks the darkness" (SS #1)

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Luke 13:1-9

Teresa

Meditation

Pastor Joel Shenk

Confessing

Joe Confessional response Emily and
Silent reflection
Litany of Response

Leader: We are all invited to listen to the Lord today. Let us bring ourselves to God in prayer.

All: *God of life, we listen to you, for you alone have the words of life.*

When we realize that we have paid too much attention to the voices in our world, we listen to you.

Leader: When we sense the poverty of our souls, we listen to you.
When our souls hunger for abundant life we listen to you.

All: *In the morning and in the evening, we will listen to you.*

Leader: Our generous God provides for us. Amen

Hymn of Response: "Create in me a clean heart" (SS #62)

Responding

Sharing
Congregational Prayer
Hymn: "Rain down" verses 1&3 (SJ #49)

Sending

Announcements
Benediction
Sending Hymn: "Praise God from whom" (HWB #119)

Hymn Books used:

(HWB) *Hymnal, A Worship Book* - blue, hard cover

(SJ) *Sing the Journey* - green, soft spiral bound cover

(SS) *Sing the Story* - purple, soft spiral bound cover

* Giving by credit card is available. See Mike, TMC Treasurer.

Infant's Nursery is at the back of sanctuary - unsupervised
Toddlers up to 4 years old, Children's Play Room - Room 102 - Emiley
Ushers - Richard and Teresa
Sound Tech - Jason

CALENDAR

Today - 10:45 am - Fellowship and refreshments in the fellowship hall.

All are welcome to stay.

11:00 am - **Sunday School for all - Intergenerational Stations of the Cross - Ana**

3/27 Worship Commission - 3:30 pm at Teresa Home

3/31 Congregational Meeting - 4:00 pm

4/5 Assets Toledo Graduation - 6:00 pm

4/14 NO potluck in April

4/14 MCC Relief Kits Project Ends

4/18 Maundy Thursday

4/21 Early Easter Service

4/21 Easter Breakfast

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mennonite Church USA has produced downloadable at-home **devotional guides** to use along with our Lent them this year, "Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast." You can download the resource from our web-site: www.toledomennonite.org.

McTigue Elementary is looking for reading tutors to help students get closer to grade level. The commitment would be for 45 min-1 hour per week. Scheduling is flexible. Teachers would help assign interventions and games. Talk to Emiley Shenk for more info.

Beating Guns Book Tour and RAW Tools Demonstration - at TMC, April 15 at 6:00 pm. Join Shane Claiborne and Mike Martin to discuss what America could look like if we beat the guns in our streets and address the triggers in our hearts. This event will feature the forging of a gun into a garden tool, and bluegrass music by the Cottonwood Jam String Band. Join the journey to end gun violence, to see how we can change our culture and do something about the massive toll that gun violence takes on our country.

This event is free to attend, but please register in advance at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beating-guns-tour-toledo-oh-tickets-55057307890>, or talk to Pastor Joel.

Your graduate's first year after high school is crucial, and Service Adventure is a sure way to make it count. Service Adventure is a 10-month program where young adults gain real-world experience through placements with nonprofit organizations, and learn to live and grow in a household community with peers and a mentor. Call Lauren at 574-523-3022 or visit the web to find out more: www.MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure