

Community Mennonite Church



Blessings on the Way

August 25th, 2019

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Psalm 103

Response: ***Praise God's holy name.***

Hymns

God is here among us

Blue #16

Fairest Lord Jesus

Blue #117

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Story

Luke 2:39-52

Hymn

Lord, we bring to you our children

Green #90

Sermon

**Faith Formed in Community: Jesus Growing
in Strength, Wisdom, and Favor**

RESPONDING IN FAITH

Hymn

You've got a place at the welcome table

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Backpack Blessing

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Sarah will also be the guest speaker at our annual retreat! She will lead us in a discussion called *Exploring the Ecology of Faith Formation*. Retreat is September 20-22 at Camp Brethren Woods. Registration info coming soon.

Worship Participants

Worship Leader & Pastoral Prayer, Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Prelude & Offertory, Danny King **Song Leader,** Nancy Heisey
Preacher, Sarah Bixler **Announcements,** Ben Bailey
Other Music, Jonathan Murch **Sound Technician,** Wayne Gehman
Head Usher: Art Stoltzfus **Greeters,** Ken Graber, Sharon Miller
Hospitality, Jennifer Ulrich **Nursery,** Tiffany Showalter,
Betty Simensen, Jayln Sneary

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- ❖ **Congregational Worship:** Sundays at 10am June 26-August 25, otherwise 9am
- ❖ **Contemplative Worship:** Sundays at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall
- ❖ **Infant Nursery:** In the basement north hallway, Room G19
- ❖ **Nursery** (up to age 3): In the main floor north hallway
- ❖ **Restrooms** can be accessed in the north hallway and in the basement
- ❖ **Activity Bags** (ages 3 to 6) are hanging at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **Hearing Assistance:** Ask an usher for a device that amplifies our sound system.
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