

Welcome to
**Elizabethtown
Mennonite Church**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

*A community on a mission: To know God,
nurture relationships, and experience God's
transforming power in Elizabethtown – and beyond.*



9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Worship in Song

Offering (*Eastern Mennonite Missions*)

The Word (Conrad Kanagy)

“Preparing for the restoration” Nehemiah 1-2

Commissioning

Bethany Miller, *Minister of Children*

Lead Ministry Couple **Conrad and Heidi Kanagy**

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Minister of Outreach: **To be discerned**

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SERVING OUR CHURCH TODAY

Prayer Team C – Nancy G., Heidi K., Sarah F., Heather B.

Worship Leader – Erin V.

Trustee for September – Dan K.

Projection – Tara M.

Sound – Stephen C.

Infant-Age 2 Nursery – Marilyn M. and Jolyn Z.

Ushers – Steve R., Toby G., Stan G., Brennan G.

Church Board – John B., Stan G., Scott G., Susan H., Steve K., Ethan M., Marilyn M., Scotty M., Esther W., Jordan R., *Stewardship Representative*, Conrad Kanagy, *Lead Minister*

Ministry Team – Conrad Kanagy, *Lead Minister*; Fred Zeiset, *Minister of Youth*; Kate Ebersole, *Co-Minister of Worship*; Heidi Kanagy, *Minister of Care*; Bethany Miller, *Minister of Children*; *Minister of Discipleship* (to be discerned); *Minister of Outreach* (to be discerned)

NEXT SUNDAY – September 16, 2018

Sermon – Conrad Kanagy; Offering (*Congregational Fund*)

Infant-Age 2 Nursery – Bethany M. and Anjie V.

THE WEEK AHEAD

(All activities held at Elizabethtown Mennonite Church unless noted otherwise)

This Afternoon

12:30 p.m. Youth Ministry Listening Session – *Fellowship Hall*

12:30 p.m. Young Adult Luncheon – *at Zeiset's*

Monday, September 10, 2018

7:00 p.m. Worship Team Rehearsal – *Sanctuary*

Tuesday, September 11, 2018

7:00 p.m. Annual Congregational Business Meeting – *Sanctuary*

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

6:30 p.m. HS Youth Group Kickoff – *at Zeiset's 6:30-8:30 p.m.*

Thursday, September 13, 2018

7:00 p.m. Youth Ministry Listening Session – *Fellowship Hall*

Saturday, September 15, 2018

6:00 a.m. Spirit Wind Prayer – *at Cornerstone*

1:30 p.m. Community Block Party – *E-town Borough Park (1:30-4 p.m.)*

LAST WEEK (9/2/18)

ATTENDANCE: SS-98; Worship Service-132

Congregational Life

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Sept. 18 WOW: "Finding God Through Brokenness" – 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall (Darlene L.)

- 29 Cornerstone 5K Walk/Run – 9:00 a.m.
- 30 Building/Renovation prayer time – 8:15-8:45 a.m. in Room 6
- 30 Paul S. Annual Bike Ride
- Oct. 16 WOW: “You lead, we’ll follow: help for loving your man” – 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 4 Child Dedication Milestone Sunday

Conrad’s office hours this week: Thursday, 3:30-5:00 p.m.; Heidi’s office hours this week: Wednesday, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

This coming Tuesday evening (Sept. 11) at 7:00 p.m. is our Annual Congregational Business Meeting. There is a packet of materials in your mailbox today that we ask you review and bring along to the meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting in the life of our congregation.

This Fall Conrad has planned a sermon series entitled “God’s Restoration Project,” a series based upon the book of Nehemiah. We have printed booklets for each of you to support your engagement in this series. This is a series that we began to discern and pray about several months ago, and this book of the Bible has long been important to us as we have thought about marriages and families. We invite you to open your hearts to the Holy Spirit’s work and to commit yourself to active engagement in the weekly reading and preparation for the message. Our prayer is that when we look back, God, by the power of His Spirit, will have used His Word in Nehemiah to radically transform us and to restore those broken walls and burned up gates that are in our lives, marriages, families, congregation, community and world. We also encourage you to invite unchurched friends to join us for the series. - Conrad and Heidi

Thank you to all those who helped staff our “living water” booth at this year’s Elizabethtown Fair. We gave out a record amount of water and are grateful to each and every one of you who helped to make this yearly outreach possible.

In light of the resignation of Minister of Youth Fred Zeiset, the Board has authorized an assessment of our youth ministry moving forward. After church today, we will have the first **Youth Ministry Listening Session** from 12:30-2:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, with lunch provided. The second session will be this Thursday, Sept. 13, from 7-9 p.m. Attend either meeting to help us discern God’s desires and direction for the future of our youth ministry programs here at E-Town

Mennonite! A link has also been sent via email for anyone in the congregation who wishes to give feedback regarding the future of our youth ministry.



Update from Building Committee: This coming week, workers will finish hanging the walls in the addition.

They will then start painting the multi-purpose room, and then the smaller rooms. Church benches: When the sanctuary is remodeled, the benches will need to find a new home. Please contact Lester L. or any member of the building committee if you have interest in a bench, or your ideas for what we can do with them.

In your mailbox today you will find an affirmation ballot for Kate E., who has been discerned to fill the position of Minister of Worship. Please fill out and return to the ballot box in the foyer no later than Sunday, September 23.

Stan G. and Ethan M. have both received affirmation by the congregation to serve five-year terms as members of the Board

Ron and Lolly K. are starting a life group with a special invite for younger married couples. Starting September 23, we will meet at 5 p.m. on the fourth Sunday evening of each month at the K's home for Bible study, fellowship, and food! Being a young married couple is an exciting time in life. You are developing your own identity as a couple, often times in the midst of career starts and adjustments. This life group will provide an opportunity to explore God's calling in this setting. It will be a time to ask the big questions, the little questions, a time to formulate new questions. We will laugh, we will cry, we will most assuredly eat good food! You won't want to miss it, see you there! Please contact Ron or Lolly for more information.

Attention All Ladies: A Women's Bible Study is being offered this fall and winter: We will study the book "Adorned" by *Nancy Demoss Wolgemuth*. We have both a morning and evening option. The morning sessions will be on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. starting Oct. 2 through Oct. 30. The evening sessions will be on Wednesday evenings from 7-9 p.m. starting Oct. 3 through Oct. 31. There is a sign-up sheet downstairs on the WOW table. Please indicate which session you would like to attend and if you would like a workbook **and/or** a copy of the book. Deadline to sign up for a book/ books is Sept. 16.

Children's Church Update: Due to the building/remodeling occurring in the next month or so, we are delaying the start of Children's Church. We will keep you updated as to the new starting date.

NOTE: You will find in your mailboxes this morning a booklet that describes the changes in governance and ministry structures in our congregation over the past decade. Conrad will draw upon this booklet in a brief overview of these changes at the Business

Meeting. The booklet provides a theological context for the changes, a timeline, and additional reflections on the contemporary church and the importance of the changes this congregation has made in order to be more effective in God's mission.



Our grade 1-3 Sunday school students are serving each other and helping their teachers, Megan and Barb, by doing various jobs in class. Things like snack helper, paper passer, chair stacker, and trash helper. What a great way for their teachers to help them practice being in community!

Beyond the Congregation

Lancaster Mennonite Conference's Fall Leadership Assembly, focusing on Peacemaking and Conflict Transformation, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Strasburg Mennonite Church, 1514 Village Road in Strasburg. The cost is \$30, payable at the door via check or cash. This is open to anyone who wishes to attend and will include a personal conflict style inventory.

Cornerstone Youth Center invites you to stop by the Mount Joy Isaac's Restaurant anytime today, Sept. 9, where 25% of your dine-in, take-out, or online orders will benefit Cornerstone! The required vouchers are available at: www.cornerstoneetown.org or in the foyer. *Thanks!*

Scripture of the Month – SEPTEMBER 2018

"They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."

– Isaiah 61:4 (NIV)